

ESC Monthly Activity January 2009

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

		Current Month JANUARY 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ DECEMBER 08
Jack Cipriani		7.6%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	7.2%
Valerie Dorsett		9.7%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	8.1%
David Gantt		4,552,085	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,577,313
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,109,016	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,207,640
Kevin McLaughlin		443,069	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	369,673
Thom Myers		4,010,200	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	4,048,200
		JANUARY 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	DECEMBER 08
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		234,114	Individuals receiving UI benefits - January 2009	189,458
January 2009		705,202	Weeks of UI paid in January 2009	646,105
Mecklenburg	\$17,682,272	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$12,912,828	\$201.5 Million	Amount paid in UI - January 2009 ³	\$194.2 Million
Guilford	\$9,744,850	\$68.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC - January 2009 ⁴	\$68.4 Million
Gaston	\$6,126,898	\$4.1 Million	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - January 2009 ⁵	\$5.1 Million
Forsyth	\$5,496,744	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Catawba	\$5,396,599	\$282.99	Average UI Check - January 2009	\$278.00
Iredell	\$4,742,821	\$42 / \$494	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$42 / \$494
Davidson	\$4,165,869	13.9 Weeks	Average Duration (Jul. 2008 - Sep. 2008)	13.9 Weeks
Union	\$4,063,701	21 st (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jul. 2008 - Sep. 2008)	21 st (Lowest)
New Hanover	\$3,725,191	\$1,088.4 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Jan. 2009	\$1,087.5 Million
		\$1,415.8 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Jan. 2009	\$1,313.6 Million
		\$25.2 Million	Trust Fund Balance - January 31, 2009	\$190.2 Million
		\$26.4 Million	State Reserve Balance - January 31, 2009	\$23.4 Million
Current Locations		JANUARY 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	DECEMBER 08
89 local offices		25,091	New Job Applicants - January 2009	21,503
103 Job Link Career Centers		234,790	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	234,790
61 ESC hosted		159,814	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Jan. 2009)	134,723
42 non-ESC hosted		392,748	Jobseekers available as of January 31, 2009	374,201
42 community colleges				
5 military bases		47,921	Jobseekers provided service - January 2009 ⁶	44,541
		23,508	Jobseekers referred to jobs - January 2009 ⁶	19,275
		260,490	Total Services provided - January 2009	228,698
		10,374	Job Openings listed - January 2009	9,537
		245,744	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	245,744
		92,343	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Jan. 2009)	81,969
		1,618	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - January 2009	1,599
		19,230	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Jan. 2009)	17,163
		3,818	Jobseekers entering employment - January 2009	4,503
		64,159	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Jan. 2009)	58,183

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² Regular UI Benefits, Extended Benefits (EB) and/or Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) unless otherwise noted.

³ Includes benefits paid from the UI Trust Fund for UI benefits for period December 31, 2008 - January 29, 2009.

⁴ Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 13 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides up to 50% of the regular unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2008).

Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 841,306 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in January 2009, up 6.6 percent from December (789,562) and up 87.2 percent from January a year ago (449,442).

December's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 4.8 percent rose above the December's 4.3 percent, and was above the 2.5 percent of January a year ago.

There were 158,659 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in January 2009, up 1.8 percent from the prior month's total of 155,913. Compared with January 2008 (98,062), Initial Claims' volume increased 61.8 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the third quarter of 2008, the average duration was 13.9 weeks for North Carolina while the national average remained unchanged at 15.3 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 11.0 weeks; North Dakota, 11.3 weeks; Georgia, 11.8 weeks; Nebraska, 11.9 weeks; Alabama, 12.1 weeks; Iowa, 12.3 weeks; Idaho, 12.5 weeks; Virginia, 12.8 weeks; Indiana, 12.9 weeks; New Hampshire and Wyoming, 13.1 weeks; Colorado, 13.4 weeks; Washington, 13.5 weeks; Arkansas, Mississippi and Wisconsin, 13.6 weeks; Hawaii, South Carolina and Tennessee, 13.7 weeks; and West Virginia, 13.8 weeks

During January 2009, 7 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 92 counties reported an increase with 1 remaining unchanged. When comparing current rates to January 2008, 1 county reported a decrease in the IUR and 99 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in January 2009 were Orange, 1.57 percent; Durham, 1.79 percent; Wake, 2.37 percent; Watauga, 2.61 percent; and Mecklenburg, 2.76 percent. Counties with the highest rates in January 2009 were Caswell, 16.34 percent; Graham, 13.55 percent; Alexander, 13.43 percent; Perquimans, 13.37; and Stokes, 12.87 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at \$25,169,194 on January 31, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$164,993,585. In January, the Employment Security Commission collected \$41,360,196 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a zero balance, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$26,415,187 on January 31, 2009.

As of December 31, 2008, there were 202,450 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in January 2009 were paid \$201,536,951 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$296.68, an increase of 1.9 percent from the prior month (\$291.14). This average increased 6.0 percent from January 2008 (\$279.84). Claimants receiving first payments in January totaled 75,163, a 24.4 percent increase from December (60,422) and a 101.1 percent increase from the January 2008 level (37,374). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 14,954, for a decrease of 3.0 percent from December's volume (15,409) and an increase of 66.0 percent from the January 2008 volume (9,010).

New and renewed job applications taken in January by ESC local offices totaled 26,418, up 17.0 percent from December's volume (22,581) and up 17.3 percent from January 2008 (22,524).

Individuals placed in January by ESC local offices totaled 2,099, down 22.1 percent from December's volume (2,694) and down 57.8 percent from January 2008 (4,979).

A total of 2,264 non-farm placements occurred in January 2009. This represented a 12.4 percent decrease since December 2008 (2,585) and down 58.6 percent from January 2008 (5,473). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 44.5 percent; veteran, 14.0 percent; minority, 48.1 percent; UI claimants, 50.6 percent; applicants under 22, 12.6 percent; males over 21, 47.6 percent; and, disabled, 11.4 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity February 2009

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		Current Month FEBRUARY 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ JANUARY 09
Jack Cipriani		8.1%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	7.6%
Valerie Dorsett		10.7%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.7%
David Gantt		4,584,692	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,550,518
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,093,625	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,111,353
Kevin McLaughlin		491,067	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	439,165
Thom Myers		3,994,300	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	4,022,200
		FEBRUARY 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	JANUARY 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		233,077	Individuals receiving UI benefits - February 2009	234,114
February 2009		748,027	Weeks of UI paid in February 2009	705,202
Mecklenburg	\$19,790,198	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$15,153,366	\$212.2 Million	Amount paid in UI - February 2009 ³	\$201.5 Million
Guilford	\$10,158,849	\$61.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - February 2009 ⁴	\$68.4 Million
Gaston	\$6,901,591	\$23.8 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - February 2009 ⁴	-
Forsyth	\$6,152,696	\$1.8 Million	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - February 2009 ⁵	\$4.1 Million
Catawba	\$5,975,068	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Iredell	\$5,395,674	\$290.06	Average UI Check - February 2009	\$282.99
Davidson	\$4,702,867	\$42 / \$494	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$42 / \$494
Rowan	\$4,692,786	13.2 Weeks	Average Duration (Oct. 2008 - Dec. 2008) tie: WV, WI, WY	13.9 Weeks
Union	\$4,352,656	15 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Oct. 2008 - Dec. 2008) tie: WV, WI, WY	21 st (Lowest)
		\$1,072.3 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Feb. 2009	\$1,088.4 Million
		\$1,538.6 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Feb. 2009	\$1,415.8 Million
		-\$108.7 Million	Trust Fund Balance - February 28, 2009	\$25.2 Million
		\$114.9 Million	Federal Loan Balance - February 28, 2009	-
		\$27.0 Million	State Reserve Balance - February 28, 2009	\$26.4 Million
Current Locations		FEBRUARY 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	JANUARY 09
89 local offices		21,628	New Job Applicants - February 2009	25,091
103 Job Link Career Centers		234,790	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	234,790
61 ESC hosted		181,442	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Feb. 2009)	159,814
42 non-ESC hosted		401,946	Jobseekers available as of February 28, 2009	392,748
42 community colleges		40,316	Jobseekers provided service - February 2009 ⁶	47,921
		20,382	Jobseekers referred to jobs - February 2009 ⁶	23,508
		250,405	Total Services provided - February 2009	260,490
		13,932	Job Openings listed - February 2009	10,374
		245,744	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	245,744
		106,275	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Feb. 2009)	92,343
		2,157	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - February 2009	1,618
		22,354	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Jan. 2009)	19,230
		5,259	Jobseekers entering employment - February 2009	3,818
		71,734	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Feb. 2009)	64,159

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⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides up to 50% of the regular unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2008).

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 852,489 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in February 2009, up 1.3 percent from January (841,306) and up 125.5 percent from February a year ago (378,104).

January's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 5.3 percent rose above the January's 4.8 percent, and was above the 2.3 percent of February a year ago.

There were 120,379 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in February 2009, down 24.1 percent from the prior month's total of 158,659. Compared with February 2008 (56,410), Initial Claims' volume increased 113.4 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the fourth quarter of 2008, the average duration was 13.2 weeks for North Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming while the national average was 14.9 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 10.2 weeks; North Dakota, 10.3 weeks; Alabama, 11.2 weeks; Nebraska, 11.5 weeks; Georgia and Iowa, 11.6 weeks; Idaho, 11.9 weeks; Virginia, 12.3 weeks; Colorado and Indiana, 12.8 weeks; Mississippi, 12.9 weeks; Arkansas, 13.0 weeks; New Hampshire and Washington, 13.1 weeks.

During February 2009, 7 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 92 counties reported an increase with 1 remaining unchanged. When comparing current rates to February 2008, 1 county reported a decrease in the IUR and 99 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in February 2009 were Orange, 1.76 percent; Durham, 2.11 percent; Wake, 2.93 percent; Watauga, 3.20 percent; and Mecklenburg, 3.30 percent. Counties with the highest rates in February 2009 were Caswell, 16.58 percent; Perquimans, 13.98 percent; Alexander and Stokes, 13.52 percent; Graham, 12.78; and Tyrell, 12.30 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$108,696,723 on February 28, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$298,859,503. During the month of February, ESC collected \$80,934,548 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$114,873,127, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$27,049,340 on February 28, 2009.

As of December 31, 2008, there were 202,450 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in February 2009 were paid \$212,218,918 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$300.65, an increase of 1.3 percent from the prior month (\$296.68). This average increased 6.4 percent from February 2008 (\$282.48). Claimants receiving first payments in February totaled 52,546, a 30.1 percent decrease from January (75,163) and a 126.8 percent increase from the February 2008 level (23,168). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 17,552, for an increase of 17.4 percent from January's volume (14,954) and an increase of 102.9 percent from the February 2008 volume (8,652).

New and renewed job applications taken in February by ESC local offices totaled 22,917, down 13.3 percent from January's volume (26,418) and up 20.8 percent from February 2008 (18,975).

Individuals placed in February by ESC local offices totaled 2,953, up 40.7 percent from January's volume (2,099) and down 52.7 percent from February 2008 (6,246).

A total of 3,099 non-farm placements occurred in February 2009. This represented a 36.9 percent increase since January 2008 (2,264) and down 54.0 percent from February 2008 (6,735). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 44.2 percent; veteran, 14.1 percent; minority, 51.5 percent; UI claimants, 47.5 percent; applicants under 22, 10.4 percent; males over 21, 50.2 percent; and, disabled, 12.5 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity March 2009

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		Current Month MARCH 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ FEBRUARY 09
Jack Cipriani		8.5%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	8.1%
Valerie Dorsett		10.8%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.7%
David Gantt		4,553,394	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,584,277
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,060,882	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,094,182
Kevin McLaughlin		492,512	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	490,095
Thom Myers		3,956,000	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,997,300
		MARCH 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	FEBRUARY 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		256,930	Individuals receiving UI benefits - March 2009	233,077
March 2009		955,651	Weeks of UI paid in March 2009	748,027
Mecklenburg	\$26,364,334	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$20,551,815	\$268.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - March 2009 ³	\$212.2 Million
Guilford	\$13,393,376	\$71.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - March 2009 ⁴	\$61.1 Million
Gaston	\$8,797,464	\$33.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - March 2009 ⁴	\$23.8 Million
Forsyth	\$8,124,103	\$1.9 Million	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - March 2009 ⁵	\$1.8 Million
Catawba	\$7,640,547	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Iredell	\$7,041,995	\$293.57	Average UI Check - March 2009	\$290.06
Davidson	\$6,255,600	\$42 / \$494	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$42 / \$494
Rowan	\$5,980,647	13.2 Weeks	Average Duration (Oct. 2008 - Dec. 2008) tie: WV, WI, WY	13.2 Weeks
Union	\$5,732,400	15 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Oct. 2008 - Dec. 2008) tie: WV, WI, WY	15 th (Lowest)
		\$1,071.1 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Mar. 2009	\$1,072.3 Million
		\$1,715.8 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Mar. 2009	\$1,538.6 Million
		-\$374.4 Million	Trust Fund Balance - March 31, 2009	-\$108.7 Million
		\$382.7 Million	Federal Loan Balance - March 31, 2009	\$114.9 Million
		\$27.6 Million	State Reserve Balance - March 31, 2009	\$27.0 Million
Current Locations		MARCH 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	FEBRUARY 09
89 local offices		23,025	New Job Applicants - March 2009	21,628
103 Job Link Career Centers		234,790	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	234,790
61 ESC hosted		204,467	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Mar. 2009)	181,442
42 non-ESC hosted		415,772	Jobseekers available as of March 31, 2009	401,946
42 community colleges				
		42,405	Jobseekers provided service - March 2009 ⁶	40,316
		21,541	Jobseekers referred to jobs - March 2009 ⁶	20,382
		281,120	Total Services provided - March 2009	250,405
		11,657	Job Openings listed - March 2009	13,932
		245,744	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	245,744
		117,932	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Mar. 2009)	106,275
		2,477	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - March 2009	2,157
		25,543	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Mar. 2009)	22,354
		5,408	Jobseekers entering employment - March 2009	5,259
		78,498	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Mar. 2009)	71,734

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 1,080,554 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in March 2009, up 26.8 percent from February (852,489) and up 158.9 percent from March a year ago (417,363).

February's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 6.1 percent rose above the February's 5.3 percent, and was above the 2.5 percent of March a year ago.

There were 134,964 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in March 2009, up 12.1 percent from the prior month's total of 120,379. Compared with March 2008 (54,555), Initial Claims' volume increased 147.4 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the fourth quarter of 2008, the average duration was 13.2 weeks for North Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming while the national average was 14.9 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 10.2 weeks; North Dakota, 10.3 weeks; Alabama, 11.2 weeks; Nebraska, 11.5 weeks; Georgia and Iowa, 11.6 weeks; Idaho, 11.9 weeks; Virginia, 12.3 weeks; Colorado and Indiana, 12.8 weeks; Mississippi, 12.9 weeks; Arkansas, 13.0 weeks; New Hampshire and Washington, 13.1 weeks.

During March 2009, 6 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 94 counties reported an increase. When comparing current rates to March 2008, all 100 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in March 2009 were Orange, 2.20 percent; Durham, 2.49 percent; Wake, 3.53 percent; Watauga, 3.56 percent; and Cumberland, 3.89 percent. Counties with the highest rates in March 2009 were Caswell, 19.74 percent; Perquimans, 15.64 percent; Stokes, 14.91 percent; Alexander, 14.63 percent; and Caldwell, 13.01 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$374,353,574 on March 31, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$564,516,354. During the month of March, ESC collected \$3,287,883 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$382,663,277, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$27,550,456 on March 31, 2009.

As of March 31, 2009, there were 202,374 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in March 2009 were paid \$268,598,802 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$303.99, an increase of 1.1 percent from the prior month (\$300.65). This average increased 7.1 percent from March 2008 (\$283.86). Claimants receiving first payments in March totaled 54,407, a 3.5 percent increase from February (52,546) and a 149.8 percent increase from the March 2008 level (21,784). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 22,462, for an increase of 28.0 percent from February's volume (17,552) and an increase of 122.1 percent from the March 2008 volume (10,112).

New and renewed job applications taken in March by ESC local offices totaled 24,559, up 7.2 percent from February's volume (22,917) and up 35.3 percent from March 2008 (18,145).

Individuals placed in March by ESC local offices totaled 2,938 down 0.5 percent from February's volume (2,953) and down 41.8 percent from March 2008 (5,045).

A total of 3,158 non-farm placements occurred in March 2009. This represented a 1.9 percent increase since February 2008 (3,099) and down 43.0 percent from March 2008 (5,541). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 45.2 percent; veteran, 14.9 percent; minority, 47.3 percent; UI claimants, 52.3 percent; applicants under 22, 10.5 percent; males over 21, 49.5 percent; and, disabled, 12.3 percent.

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April 2009

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Valerie Dorsett		10.8%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.8%
David Gantt		4,580,513	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,554,471
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,087,728	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,060,871
Kevin McLaughlin		492,785	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	493,600
Thom Myers		3,947,400	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,955,300
		APRIL 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	MARCH 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		249,422	Individuals receiving UI benefits - April 2009	256,930
April 2009		817,844	Weeks of UI paid in April 2009	955,651
Mecklenburg	\$23,668,290	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$18,493,223	\$268.1 Million	Amount paid in UI - April 2009 ³	\$268.6 Million
Guilford	\$11,611,361	\$72.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - April 2009 ⁴	\$71.3 Million
Gaston	\$7,968,318	\$28.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - April 2009 ⁴	\$33.9 Million
Forsyth	\$7,478,054	\$3.0 Million	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - April 2009 ⁵	\$1.9 Million
Catawba	\$6,657,220	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Iredell	\$6,253,738	\$296.31	Average UI Check - April 2009	\$293.57
Rowan	\$5,337,024	\$42 / \$494	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$42 / \$494
Davidson	\$5,229,310	13.2 Weeks	Average Duration (Oct. 2008 - Dec. 2008) tie: WV, WI, WY	13.2 Weeks
Cabarrus	\$4,887,414	15 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Oct. 2008 - Dec. 2008) tie: WV, WI, WY	15 th (Lowest)
		\$1,070.7 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Apr. 2009	\$1,071.1 Million
		\$1,890.5 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Apr. 2009	\$1,715.8 Million
		-\$591.5 Million	Trust Fund Balance - April 30, 2009	-\$374.4 Million
		\$595.8 Million	Federal Loan Balance - April 30, 2009	\$382.7 Million
		\$46.7 Million	State Reserve Balance - April 30, 2009	\$27.6 Million
Current Locations		APRIL 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	MARCH 09
89 local offices		20,390	New Job Applicants - April 2009	23,025
103 Job Link Career Centers		234,790	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	234,790
61 ESC hosted		224,857	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Apr. 2009)	204,467
42 non-ESC hosted		420,217	Jobseekers available as of April 30, 2009	415,772
42 community colleges		37,410	Jobseekers provided service - April 2009 ⁶	42,405
		19,488	Jobseekers referred to jobs - April 2009 ⁶	21,541
		268,170	Total Services provided - April 2009	281,120
		12,278	Job Openings listed - April 2009	11,657
		245,744	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	245,744
		130,210	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Apr. 2009)	117,932
		2,849	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - April 2009	2,477
		28,792	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Apr. 2009)	25,543
		5,775	Jobseekers entering employment - April 2009	5,408
		86,055	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Apr. 2009)	78,498

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³ Includes benefits paid from the UI Trust Fund for UI benefits for period March 31, 2009 - April 29, 2009.

⁴ Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 13 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides up to 50% of the regular unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2008).

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 920,317 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in April 2009, down 14.8 percent from March (1,080,554) and up 132.0 percent from April a year ago (396,608).

March's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 5.2 percent dropped below the March's 6.1 percent, and was above the 2.3 percent of April a year ago.

There were 110,375 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in April 2009, down 18.2 percent from the prior month's total of 134,964. Compared with April 2008 (60,107), Initial Claims' volume increased 83.6 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the fourth quarter of 2008, the average duration was 13.2 weeks for North Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming while the national average was 14.9 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 10.2 weeks; North Dakota, 10.3 weeks; Alabama, 11.2 weeks; Nebraska, 11.5 weeks; Georgia and Iowa, 11.6 weeks; Idaho, 11.9 weeks; Virginia, 12.3 weeks; Colorado and Indiana, 12.8 weeks; Mississippi, 12.9 weeks; Arkansas, 13.0 weeks; New Hampshire and Washington, 13.1 weeks.

During April 2009, 99 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 1 county reported an increase. When comparing current rates to April 2008, 1 county reported a decrease and 99 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in April 2009 were Orange, 1.88 percent; Durham, 2.20 percent; Watauga, 2.97 percent; Cumberland, 3.16 percent; and Wake, 3.20 percent. Counties with the highest rates in April 2009 were Caswell, 16.83 percent; Stokes, 13.52 percent; Alexander, 13.22 percent; Perquimans, 12.60 percent; and Lincoln, 11.41 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$591,524,757 on April 30, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$781,687,536. During the month of April, ESC collected \$70,337,466 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$595,775,247, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$46,656,482 on April 30, 2009.

As of March 31, 2009, there were 202,374 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in April 2009 were paid \$268,135,183 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$307.25, an increase of 1.1 percent from the prior month (\$303.99). This average increased 8.6 percent from April 2008 (\$282.99). Claimants receiving first payments in April totaled 42,149, a 22.5 percent decrease from March (54,407) and a 100.2 percent increase from the April 2008 level (21,054). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 23,116, for an increase of 2.9 percent from March's volume (22,462) and an increase of 133.3 percent from the April 2008 volume (9,908).

New and renewed job applications taken in April by ESC local offices totaled 21,889, down 10.9 percent from March's volume (24,559) and up 15.1 percent from April 2008 (19,014).

Individuals placed in April by ESC local offices totaled 2,772 down 5.7 percent from March's volume (2,938) and down 40.8 percent from April 2008 (4,682).

A total of 2,948 non-farm placements occurred in April 2009. This represented a 6.6 percent decrease since March 2008 (3,158) and down 40.3 percent from April 2008 (4,939). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 45.2 percent; veteran, 13.0 percent; minority, 51.3 percent; UI claimants, 49.7 percent; applicants under 22, 10.8 percent; males over 21, 48.7 percent; and, disabled, 11.6 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity May 2009

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

		Current Month MAY 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ APRIL 09
Jack Cipriani		9.4%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	8.9%
Valerie Dorsett		11.1%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.7%
David Gantt		4,568,250	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,579,637
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,059,416	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,088,271
Kevin McLaughlin		508,834	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	491,366
Thom Myers		3,937,000	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,949,500
		MAY 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	APRIL 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		239,894	Individuals receiving UI benefits - May 2009	249,422
May 2009		827,411	Weeks of UI paid in May 2009	817,844
Mecklenburg	\$25,908,058	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$20,302,593	\$239.4 Million	Amount paid in UI - May 2009 ³	\$268.1 Million
Guilford	\$12,556,672	\$70.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - May 2009 ⁴	\$72.1 Million
Gaston	\$7,933,509	\$21.8 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - May 2009 ⁴	\$28.2 Million
Forsyth	\$7,716,255	\$2.9 Million	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - May 2009 ⁵	\$3.0 Million
Catawba	\$6,778,387	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Iredell	\$6,345,904	\$300.94	Average UI Check - May 2009	\$296.31
Rowan	\$5,495,175	\$42 / \$494	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$42 / \$494
Davidson	\$5,267,562	13.3 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2009 - Mar. 2009)	13.2 Weeks
Cabarrus	\$5,167,611	20 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2009 - Mar. 2009)	15 th (Lowest)
		\$1,012.7 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending May 2009	\$1,070.7 Million
		\$2,040.4 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending May 2009	\$1,890.5 Million
		-\$468.6 Million	Trust Fund Balance - May 31, 2009	-\$591.5 Million
		\$472.4 Million	Federal Loan Balance - May 31, 2009	\$595.8 Million
		\$20.9 Million	State Reserve Balance - May 31, 2009	\$46.7 Million
Current Locations		MAY 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	APRIL 09
89 local offices		20,352	New Job Applicants - May 2009	20,390
101 Job Link Career Centers		234,790	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	234,790
61 ESC hosted		245,209	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - May 2009)	224,857
40 non-ESC hosted		419,339	Jobseekers available as of May 31, 2009	420,217
42 community colleges		36,847	Jobseekers provided service - May 2009 ⁶	37,410
		20,226	Jobseekers referred to jobs - May 2009 ⁶	19,488
		280,959	Total Services provided - May 2009	268,170
		10,516	Job Openings listed - May 2009	12,278
		245,744	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	245,744
		140,726	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - May 2009)	130,210
		2,875	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - May 2009	2,849
		32,042	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - May 2009)	28,792
		6,849	Jobseekers entering employment - May 2009	5,775
		95,941	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - May 2009)	86,055

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 925,900 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in May 2009, up 0.6 percent from April (920,317) and up 150.7 percent from May a year ago (369,348).

May's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 5.5 percent rose above the April's 5.2 percent, and was above the 2.1 percent of May a year ago.

There were 96,678 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in May 2009, down 12.4 percent from the prior month's total of 110,375. Compared with May 2008 (55,433), Initial Claims' volume increased 74.4 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the first quarter of 2009, the average duration was 13.3 weeks for North Carolina while the national average remained at 14.9 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 10.1 weeks; North Dakota, 10.9 weeks; Nebraska, 11.0 weeks; Alabama, 11.8 weeks; Iowa, 11.9 weeks; Georgia, 12.1 weeks; Virginia, 12.3 weeks; Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming, 12.6 weeks; Idaho and New Hampshire, 12.9 weeks; Arkansas, Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia, 13.1 weeks; Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas, 13.2 weeks.

During May 2009, 39 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 60 counties reporting an increase and 1 county remaining unchanged. When comparing current rates to May 2008, all 100 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in May 2009 were Orange, 2.15 percent; Hyde, 2.22 percent; Durham, 2.47 percent; Watauga, 2.77 percent; and Dare, 3.06 percent. Counties with the highest rates in May 2009 were Caswell, 16.61 percent; Alexander, 13.81 percent; Stokes, 13.72 percent; Perquimans, 12.71 percent; and Lincoln, 11.75 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$468,565,655 on May 31, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$658,728,434. During the month of May, ESC collected \$336,808,669 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$472,440,916, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$20,874,670 on May 31, 2009.

As of March 31, 2009, there were 202,374 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in May 2009 were paid \$239,372,898 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$310.76, an increase of 1.1 percent from the prior month (\$307.25). This average increased 9.6 percent from May 2008 (\$283.50). Claimants receiving first payments in May totaled 38,921, a 7.7 percent decrease from April (42,149) and a 104.3 percent increase from the May 2008 level (19,048). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 27,521, for an increase of 19.1 percent from April's volume (23,116) and an increase of 200.1 percent from the May 2008 volume (9,171).

New and renewed job applications taken in May by ESC local offices totaled 21,905, up 0.1 percent from April's volume (21,889) and up 12.3 percent from May 2008 (19,502).

Individuals placed in May by ESC local offices totaled 3,902 up 40.8 percent from April's volume (2,772) and down 19.3 percent from May 2008 (4,833).

A total of 3,956 non-farm placements occurred in May 2009. This represented a 34.2 percent increase since April 2009 (2,948) and down 24.7 percent from May 2008 (5,251). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 45.3 percent; veteran, 13.0 percent; minority, 53.0 percent; UI claimants, 47.0 percent; applicants under 22, 14.0 percent; males over 21, 47.4 percent; and, disabled, 11.3 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity

June 2009

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina

Released: Wednesday
July 22, 2009

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

		Current Month JUNE 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ MAY 09
Valerie Dorsett		9.5%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.4%
David Gantt		11.0%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	11.1%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,556,761	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,567,108
Kevin McLaughlin		4,054,498	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,060,124
Thom Myers		502,263	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	506,984
Charles Roth		3,947,000	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,942,300
		JUNE 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	MAY 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		240,569	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Jun. 2009	239,894
June 2009		869,985	Weeks of UI paid in Jun. 2009	827,411
Mecklenburg	\$26,828,669	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$20,828,671	\$258.1 Million	Amount paid in UI - Jun. 2009 ³	\$239.4 Million
Guilford	\$13,415,685	\$104.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Jun. 2009 ⁴	\$70.1 Million
Forsyth	\$8,330,340	\$29.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Jun. 2009 ⁴	\$21.8 Million
Gaston	\$8,104,211	\$6.5 Million	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Jun. 2009 ⁵	\$2.9 Million
Catawba	\$6,814,761	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Iredell	\$6,213,603	\$299.96	Average UI Check - Jun. 2009	\$300.94
Rowan	\$5,684,626	\$42 / \$494	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$42 / \$494
Davidson	\$5,321,363	13.3 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2009 - Mar. 2009)	13.3 Weeks
Union	\$5,276,999	20 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2009 - Mar. 2009)	20 th (Lowest)
		\$1,013.1 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Jun. 2009	\$1,012.7 Million
		\$2,208.6 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Jun. 2009	\$2,040.4 Million
		-\$721.9 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Jun. 30, 2009	-\$468.6 Million
		\$728.8 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Jun. 30, 2009	\$472.4 Million
		\$18.5 Million	State Reserve Balance - Jun. 30, 2009	\$20.9 Million
Current Locations		JUNE 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	MAY 09
89 local offices		22,053	New Job Applicants - Jun. 2009	20,352
101 Job Link Career Centers		234,790	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	234,790
61 ESC hosted		267,262	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	245,209
40 non-ESC hosted		420,802	Jobseekers available as of Jun. 30, 2009	419,339
42 community colleges		40,003	Jobseekers provided service - Jun. 2009 ⁶	36,847
		21,990	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Jun. 2009 ⁶	20,226
		317,877	Total Services provided - Jun. 2009	280,959
		12,556	Job Openings listed - Jun. 2009	10,516
		245,744	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2007 - Jun. 2008)	245,744
		153,282	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	140,726
		2,813	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Jun. 2009	2,875
		35,520	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	32,042
		7,397	Jobseekers entering employment - Jun. 2009	6,849
		106,160	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	95,941

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 972,951 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in June 2009, up 5.1 percent from May (925,900) and up 129.8 percent from June a year ago (423,445).

June's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 5.5 percent remained unchanged from the May's 5.5 percent, and was above the 2.5 percent of June a year ago.

There were 105,907 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in June 2009, up 9.5 percent from the prior month's total of 96,678. Compared with June 2008 (55,310), Initial Claims' volume increased 91.5 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the first quarter of 2009, the average duration was 13.3 weeks for North Carolina while the national average remained at 14.9 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 10.1 weeks; North Dakota, 10.9 weeks; Nebraska, 11.0 weeks; Alabama, 11.8 weeks; Iowa, 11.9 weeks; Georgia, 12.1 weeks; Virginia, 12.3 weeks; Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming, 12.6 weeks; Idaho and New Hampshire, 12.9 weeks; Arkansas, Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia, 13.1 weeks; Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas, 13.2 weeks.

During June 2009, 46 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 50 counties reporting an increase and 4 counties remaining unchanged. When comparing current rates to June 2008, all 100 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in June 2009 were Hyde, 1.77 percent; Dare, 2.10 percent; Orange, 2.28 percent; Durham, 2.58 percent; and Watauga, 2.76 percent. Counties with the highest rates in June 2009 were Caswell, 17.92 percent; Stokes, 14.12 percent; Alexander, 13.32 percent; Perquimans, 12.65 percent; and Lincoln, 11.75 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$721,908,217 on June 30, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$912,070,996. During the month of June, ESC collected \$5,626,671 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$728,773,078, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$18,512,783 on June 30, 2009.

As of March 31, 2009, there were 202,374 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in June 2009 were paid \$258,087,562 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$309.57, a decrease of 0.4 percent from the prior month (\$310.76). This average increased 8.3 percent from June 2008 (\$285.82). Claimants receiving first payments in June totaled 41,894, a 7.6 percent increase from May (38,921) and an 87.6 percent increase from the June 2008 level (22,333). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 30,670, for an increase of 11.4 percent from May's volume (27,521) and an increase of 188.3 percent from the June 2008 volume (10,640).

New and renewed job applications taken in June by ESC local offices totaled 17,946, down 18.1 percent from May's volume (21,905) and down 10.0 percent from June 2008 (19,947).

Individuals placed in June by ESC local offices totaled 3,576 down 8.4 percent from May's volume (3,902) and down 31.0 percent from June 2008 (5,185).

A total of 3,389 non-farm placements occurred in June 2009. This represented a 14.3 percent decrease since May 2009 (3,956) and down 32.3 percent from June 2008 (5,006). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 43.7 percent; veteran, 14.1 percent; minority, 56.9 percent; UI claimants, 49.4 percent; applicants under 22, 13.0 percent; males over 21, 48.7 percent; and, disabled, 11.7 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity

July 2009

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina

Released: Friday
August 21, 2009

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

		Current Month JUL 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ JUN 09
Valerie Dorsett		9.4%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.5%
David Gantt		11.0%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	11.0%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,536,813	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,554,663
Kevin McLaughlin		4,039,946	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,052,943
Thom Myers		496,867	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	501,720
Charles Roth		3,911,700	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,938,100
		JUL 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	JUN 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		234,803	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Jul. 2009	240,569
July 2009		761,586	Weeks of UI paid in Jul. 2009	869,985
Mecklenburg	\$24,587,479	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$19,348,632	\$218.3 Million	Amount paid in UI - Jul. 2009 ³	\$258.1 Million
Guilford	\$12,119,269	\$100.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Jul. 2009 ⁴	\$104.2 Million
Forsyth	\$7,411,895	\$31.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Jul. 2009 ⁴	\$29.2 Million
Gaston	\$6,920,776	\$5.1 Million	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Jul. 2009 ⁵	\$6.5 Million
Catawba	\$5,917,850	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Iredell	\$5,405,469	\$302.50	Average UI Check - Jul. 2009	\$299.96
Rowan	\$5,292,664	\$42 / \$494	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$42 / \$494
Durham	\$4,848,722	13.3 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2009 - Mar. 2009)	13.3 Weeks
Davidson	\$4,752,513	20 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2009 - Mar. 2009)	20 th (Lowest)
		\$1,011.9 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Jul. 2009	\$1,013.1 Million
		\$2,321.0 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Jul. 2009	\$2,208.6 Million
		-\$885.9 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Jul. 31, 2009	-\$721.9 Million
		\$891.0 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Jul. 31, 2009	\$728.8 Million
		\$28.8 Million	State Reserve Balance - Jul. 31, 2009	\$18.5 Million
Current Locations		JUL 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	JUN 09
89 local offices		27,313	New Job Applicants - Jul. 2009	22,053
101 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	234,790
61 ESC hosted		27,313	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009)	267,262
40 non-ESC hosted		362,984	Jobseekers available as of Jul. 31, 2009	420,802
42 community colleges		119,909	Jobseekers provided service - Jul. 2009 ⁶	40,003
		58,085	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Jul. 2009 ⁶	21,990
		325,821	Total Services provided - Jul. 2009	317,877
		13,883	Job Openings listed - Jul. 2009	12,556
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	245,744
		13,883	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009)	153,282
		1,578	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Jul. 2009	2,813
		1,578	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009)	35,520
		8,276	Jobseekers entering employment - Jul. 2009	7,397
		8,276	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009)	106,160

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 869,288 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in July 2009, down 10.7 percent from June (972,951) and up 97.5 percent from July a year ago (440,121).

July's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 4.7 percent dropped below the June's 5.5 percent, and was above the 2.4 percent of July a year ago.

There were 102,391 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in July 2009, down 3.3 percent from the prior month's total of 105,907. Compared with July 2008 (86,398), Initial Claims' volume increased 18.5 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the first quarter of 2009, the average duration was 13.3 weeks for North Carolina while the national average remained at 14.9 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 10.1 weeks; North Dakota, 10.9 weeks; Nebraska, 11.0 weeks; Alabama, 11.8 weeks; Iowa, 11.9 weeks; Georgia, 12.1 weeks; Virginia, 12.3 weeks; Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming, 12.6 weeks; Idaho and New Hampshire, 12.9 weeks; Arkansas, Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia, 13.1 weeks; Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas, 13.2 weeks.

During July 2009, 99 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 1 county reporting an increase. When comparing current rates to July 2008, all 100 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in July 2009 were Hyde, 1.57 percent; Dare, 1.73 percent; Watauga, 2.10 percent; Orange, 2.12 percent; and Durham, 2.32 percent. Counties with the highest rates in July 2009 were Caswell, 15.41 percent; Alexander, 11.72 percent; Stokes, 11.49 percent; Perquimans, 11.03 percent; and Lincoln, 9.88 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$885,882,030 on July 31, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$1,076,044,810. During the month of July, ESC collected \$67,834,955 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$890,998,442, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$28,820,391 on July 31, 2009.

As of June 30, 2009, there were 202,000 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in July 2009 were paid \$218,343,814 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$311.93, an increase of 0.8 percent from the prior month (\$309.57). This average increased 8.7 percent from July 2008 (\$286.95). Claimants receiving first payments in July totaled 39,912, a 4.7 percent decrease from June (41,894) and a 41.3 percent increase from the July 2008 level (28,255). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 30,055, for a decrease of 2.0 percent from June's volume (30,670) and an increase of 162.2 percent from the July 2008 volume (11,462).

New and renewed job applications taken in July by ESC local offices totaled 27,616, up 53.9 percent from June's volume (17,946) and up 12.9 percent from July 2008 (24,463).

Individuals placed in July by ESC local offices totaled 6,128 up 71.4 percent from June's volume (3,576) and down 24.4 percent from July 2008 (8,109).

A total of 3,255 non-farm placements occurred in July 2009. This represented a 4.0 percent decrease since June 2009 (3,389) and down 22.4 percent from July 2008 (4,194). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 44.7 percent; veteran, 11.5 percent; minority, 57.3 percent; UI claimants, 20.7 percent; applicants under 22, 12.6 percent; males over 21, 48.4 percent; and, disabled, 11.3 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity August 2009

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

		Current Month AUG 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ JUL 09
Valerie Dorsett		9.7%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.4%
David Gantt		10.8%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.9%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,520,547	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,535,411
Kevin McLaughlin		4,031,573	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,039,903
Thom Myers		488,974	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	495,508
Charles Roth		3,916,600	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,909,600
		AUG 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	JUL 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		218,257	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Aug. 2009	234,803
August 2009		798,553	Weeks of UI paid in Aug. 2009	761,586
Mecklenburg	\$27,376,174	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$21,481,601	\$217.8 Million	Amount paid in UI - Aug. 2009 ³	\$218.3 Million
Guilford	\$13,426,176	\$122.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Aug. 2009 ⁴	\$100.4 Million
Forsyth	\$7,966,004	\$27.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Aug. 2009 ⁴	\$31.1 Million
Gaston	\$7,405,049	\$25,769	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Aug. 2009 ⁵	\$5.1 Million
Catawba	\$5,756,557	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Iredell	\$5,574,516	\$302.96	Average UI Check - Aug. 2009	\$302.50
Rowan	\$5,553,939	\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$42 / \$494
Durham	\$5,396,657	13.3 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2009 - Mar. 2009)	13.3 Weeks
Cabarrus	\$5,383,514	20 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2009 - Mar. 2009)	20 th (Lowest)
		\$969.9 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Aug. 2009	\$1,011.9 Million
		\$2,439.4 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Aug. 2009	\$2,321.0 Million
		-\$952.1 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Aug. 31, 2009	-\$885.9 Million
		\$957.5 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Aug. 31, 2009	\$891.0 Million
		\$49.4 Million	State Reserve Balance - Aug. 31, 2009	\$28.8 Million
Current Locations		AUG 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	JUL 09
89 local offices		24,964	New Job Applicants - Aug. 2009	27,313
101 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	267,262
61 ESC hosted		52,277	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Aug. 2009)	27,313
40 non-ESC hosted		368,930	Jobseekers available as of Aug. 31, 2009	362,984
42 community colleges		82,731	Jobseekers provided service - Aug. 2009 ⁶	119,909
		43,456	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Aug. 2009 ⁶	58,085
		331,712	Total Services provided - Aug. 2009	325,821
		14,658	Job Openings listed - Aug. 2009	13,883
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	153,282
		28,541	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Aug. 2009)	13,883
		1,798	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Aug. 2009	1,578
		3,827	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Aug. 2009)	1,578
		9,566	Jobseekers entering employment - Aug. 2009	8,276
		19,310	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Aug. 2009)	8,276

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³ Includes benefits paid from the UI Trust Fund for UI benefits for period Jul 31, 2009 - Aug. 28, 2009.

⁴ Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 33 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2009).

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 913,185 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in August 2009, up 5.0 percent from July (869,288) and up 108.6 percent from August a year ago (437,743).

August's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 5.4 percent rose above the July's 4.7 percent, and was above the 2.6 percent of August a year ago.

There were 82,299 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in August 2009, down 19.6 percent from the prior month's total of 102,391. Compared with August 2008 (63,817), Initial Claims' volume increased 29.0 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the first quarter of 2009, the average duration was 13.3 weeks for North Carolina while the national average remained at 14.9 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 10.1 weeks; North Dakota, 10.9 weeks; Nebraska, 11.0 weeks; Alabama, 11.8 weeks; Iowa, 11.9 weeks; Georgia, 12.1 weeks; Virginia, 12.3 weeks; Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming, 12.6 weeks; Idaho and New Hampshire, 12.9 weeks; Arkansas, Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia, 13.1 weeks; Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas, 13.2 weeks.

During August 2009, 3 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 97 counties reported an increase. When comparing current rates to August 2008, all 100 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in August 2009 were Dare, 2.05 percent; Hyde, 2.29 percent; Watauga, 2.41 percent; Orange, 2.60 percent; and Durham, 2.79 percent. Counties with the highest rates in August 2009 were Caswell, 17.02 percent; Stokes, 14.36 percent; Perquimans, 12.43 percent; Alexander, 11.57 percent; and Jones, 11.20 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$952,098,075 on August 31, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$1,142,260,855. During the month of August, ESC collected \$174,719,869 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$957,503,058, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$49,436,072 on August 31, 2009.

As of June 30, 2009, there were 202,000 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in August 2009 were paid \$217,826,045 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$311.89, a decrease of 0.01 percent from the prior month (\$311.93). This average increased 7.4 percent from August 2008 (\$290.47). Claimants receiving first payments in August totaled 36,700, an 8.0 percent decrease from July (39,912) and a 48.4 percent increase from the August 2008 level (24,726). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 33,408, for an increase of 11.2 percent from July's volume (30,055) and an increase of 198.8 percent from the August 2008 volume (11,179).

New and renewed job applications taken in August by ESC local offices totaled 25,573, down 7.4 percent from July's volume (27,616) and up 13.4 percent from August 2008 (22,555).

Individuals placed in August by ESC local offices totaled 6,939 up 13.2 percent from July's volume (6,128) and up 18.9 percent from August 2008 (5,838).

A total of 3,851 non-farm placements occurred in August 2009. This represented an 18.3 percent increase since July 2009 (3,255) and down 13.0 percent from August 2008 (4,427). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 41.8 percent; veteran, 11.7 percent; minority, 55.3 percent; UI claimants, 22.1 percent; applicants under 22, 13.7 percent; males over 21, 49.9 percent; and, disabled, 9.9 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity September 2009

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

		Current Month SEP 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ AUG 09
Valerie Dorsett		9.8%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.7%
David Gantt		10.8%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.8%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,534,063	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,521,510
Kevin McLaughlin		4,042,297	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,032,601
Thom Myers		491,766	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	488,909
Charles Roth		3,921,700	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,922,300
		SEP 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	AUG 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		204,303	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Sep. 2009	218,257
September 2009		710,881	Weeks of UI paid in Sep. 2009	798,553
Mecklenburg	\$24,129,608	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$18,608,888	\$233.8 Million	Amount paid in UI - Sep. 2009 ³	\$217.8 Million
Guilford	\$11,456,774	\$136.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Sep. 2009 ⁴	\$122.0 Million
Forsyth	\$6,919,404	\$31.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Sep. 2009 ⁴	\$27.9 Million
Gaston	\$6,378,570	\$14,264	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Sep. 2009 ⁵	\$25,769
Cabarrus	\$4,978,411	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Catawba	\$4,898,731	\$298.65	Average UI Check - Sep. 2009	\$302.96
Rowan	\$4,811,199	\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
Durham	\$4,686,888	14.7 Weeks	Average Duration (Apr. 2009 - June. 2009)	13.3 Weeks
Iredell	\$4,592,028	18 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Apr. 2009 - June. 2009)	20 th (Lowest)
		\$969.6 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Sep. 2009	\$969.9 Million
		\$2,558.9 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Sep. 2009	\$2,439.4 Million
		-\$1,183.1 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Sep. 30, 2009	-\$952.1 Million
		\$1,184.4 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Sep. 30, 2009	\$957.5 Million
		\$51.0 Million	State Reserve Balance - Sep. 30, 2009	\$49.4 Million
Current Locations		SEP 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	AUG 09
89 local offices		23,242	New Job Applicants - Sep. 2009	24,964
101 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	267,262
61 ESC hosted		75,519	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	52,277
40 non-ESC hosted		365,690	Jobseekers available as of Sep. 30, 2009	368,930
42 community colleges		69,442	Jobseekers provided service - Sep. 2009 ⁶	82,731
		37,123	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Sep. 2009 ⁶	43,456
		340,695	Total Services provided - Sep. 2009	331,712
		12,084	Job Openings listed - Sep. 2009	14,658
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	153,282
		40,625	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	28,541
		1,801	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Sep. 2009	1,798
		6,516	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	3,827
		7,552	Jobseekers entering employment - Sep. 2009	9,566
		29,723	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	19,310

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³ Includes benefits paid from the UI Trust Fund for UI benefits for period Aug 29, 2009 - Sep. 29, 2009.

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⁶ Totals for Jobseekers provided service and Jobseekers referred to jobs represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2009).

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 798,412 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in September 2009, down 12.6 percent from August (913,185) and up 59.0 percent from September a year ago (502,299).

September's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 4.5 percent dropped below the August's 5.4 percent, and was above the 2.9 percent of September a year ago.

There were 77,312 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in September 2009, down 6.1 percent from the prior month's total of 82,299. Compared with September 2008 (69,597), Initial Claims' volume increased 11.1 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the second quarter of 2009, the average duration was 14.7 weeks for North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, while the national average remained at 16.2 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 11.5 weeks; North Dakota, 11.8 weeks; Nebraska, 12.0 weeks; Georgia and Iowa, 13.2 weeks; Alabama, 13.3 weeks; Virginia, 13.5 weeks; Colorado, 13.7 weeks; West Virginia, 13.8 weeks; Oklahoma, 13.9 weeks; Louisiana, 14.0 weeks; Arkansas and Wyoming, 14.2 weeks; Idaho and Texas, 14.4 weeks; Wisconsin, 14.5 weeks; and Indiana and New Hampshire, 14.6 weeks.

During September 2009, 95 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 5 counties reported an increase. When comparing current rates to September 2008, all 100 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in September 2009 were Dare, 1.81 percent; Orange, 1.95 percent; Watauga, 2.02 percent; Hyde, 2.18 percent; and Swain, 2.23 percent. Counties with the highest rates in September 2009 were Caswell, 13.86 percent; Stokes, 13.21 percent; Perquimans, 10.92 percent; Jones, 10.44 percent; and Washington, 10.02 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$1,183,149,121 on September 30, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$1,373,311,901. During the month of September, ESC collected \$4,502,102 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$1,184,416,738, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$50,990,526 on September 30, 2009.

As of September 30, 2009, there were 199,855 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in September 2009 were paid \$233,774,046 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$322.62, an increase of 3.4 percent from the prior month (\$311.89). This average increased 11.4 percent from September 2008 (\$289.67). Claimants receiving first payments in September totaled 35,576, a 3.1 percent decrease from August (36,700) and a 21.6 percent increase from the September 2008 level (29,246). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 29,013, for a decrease of 13.2 percent from August's volume (33,408) and an increase of 145.9 percent from the September 2008 volume (11,800).

New and renewed job applications taken in September by ESC local offices totaled 24,050, down 6.0 percent from August's volume (25,573) and up 3.8 percent from September 2008 (23,180).

Individuals placed in September by ESC local offices totaled 4,026 down 42.0 percent from August's volume (6,939) and down 29.3 percent from September 2008 (5,698).

A total of 3,126 non-farm placements occurred in September 2009. This represented an 18.8 percent decrease since August 2009 (3,851) and down 32.3 percent from September 2008 (4,615). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 41.3 percent; veteran, 13.9 percent; minority, 49.3 percent; UI claimants, 26.4 percent; applicants under 22, 10.4 percent; males over 21, 52.2 percent; and, disabled, 11.3 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity October 2009

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Moses Carey, Jr.
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		Current Month OCT 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ SEP 09
Valerie Dorsett		10.2%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.8%
David Gantt		11.0%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.8%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,531,750	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,532,856
Kevin McLaughlin		4,035,471	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,041,114
Juanita Pilgrim		496,279	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	491,742
Charles Roth		3,931,900	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,919,800
		OCT 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	SEP 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		196,561	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Oct. 2009	204,303
October 2009		645,777	Weeks of UI paid in Oct. 2009	710,881
Mecklenburg	\$21,859,961	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$17,012,936	\$186.3 Million	Amount paid in UI - Oct. 2009 ³	\$233.8 Million
Guilford	\$10,343,167	\$115.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Oct. 2009 ⁴	\$136.5 Million
Forsyth	\$6,492,913	\$29.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Oct. 2009 ⁴	\$31.3 Million
Gaston	\$5,688,920	\$15,894	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Oct. 2009 ⁵	\$14,264
Cabarrus	\$4,669,507	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Catawba	\$4,420,139	\$297.88	Average UI Check - Oct. 2009	\$298.65
Rowan	\$4,273,787	\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
Durham	\$4,226,765	14.7 Weeks	Average Duration (Apr. 2009 - June. 2009)	14.7 Weeks
Iredell	\$4,147,781	18 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Apr. 2009 - June. 2009)	18 th (Lowest)
		\$960.8 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Oct. 2009	\$969.6 Million
		\$2,626.0 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Oct. 2009	\$2,558.9 Million
		-\$1,299.0 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Oct. 31, 2009	-\$1,183.1 Million
		\$1,303.0 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Oct. 31, 2009	\$1,184.4 Million
		\$9.7 Million	State Reserve Balance - Oct. 31, 2009	\$51.0 Million
Current Locations		OCT 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	SEP 09
89 local offices		22,243	New Job Applicants - Oct. 2009	23,242
102 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		97,762	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Oct. 2009)	75,519
39 non-ESC hosted		357,045	Jobseekers available as of Oct. 31, 2009	365,690
		60,828	Jobseekers provided service - Oct. 2009 ⁶	69,442
		32,232	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Oct. 2009 ⁶	37,123
		342,993	Total Services provided - Oct. 2009	340,695
		12,386	Job Openings listed - Oct. 2009	12,084
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	153,282
		53,011	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Oct. 2009)	40,625
		1,818	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Oct. 2009	1,801
		9,230	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Oct. 2009)	6,516
		7,234	Jobseekers entering employment - Oct. 2009	7,552
		40,046	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Oct. 2009)	29,723

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 732,856 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in October 2009, down 8.2 percent from September (798,412) and up 54.5 percent from October a year ago (474,408).

October's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 4.2 percent dropped below the September's 4.5 percent, and was above the 2.6 percent of October a year ago.

There were 78,430 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in October 2009, up 1.4 percent from the prior month's total of 77,312. Compared with October 2008 (80,424), Initial Claims' volume decreased 2.5 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the second quarter of 2009, the average duration was 14.7 weeks for North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, while the national average remained at 16.2 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 11.5 weeks; North Dakota, 11.8 weeks; Nebraska, 12.0 weeks; Georgia and Iowa, 13.2 weeks; Alabama, 13.3 weeks; Virginia, 13.5 weeks; Colorado, 13.7 weeks; West Virginia, 13.8 weeks; Oklahoma, 13.9 weeks; Louisiana, 14.0 weeks; Arkansas and Wyoming, 14.2 weeks; Idaho and Texas, 14.4 weeks; Wisconsin, 14.5 weeks; and Indiana and New Hampshire, 14.6 weeks.

During October 2009, 88 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 12 counties reported an increase. When comparing current rates to October 2008, 1 county reported a decrease and 99 reported an increase in IUR rates. Counties with the lowest rates in October 2009 were Orange, 1.84 percent; Watauga, 1.93 percent; Durham, 2.13 percent; Hyde, 2.20 percent; and Swain, 2.32 percent. Counties with the highest rates in October 2009 were Caswell, 13.26 percent; Stokes, 11.87 percent; Perquimans, 9.40 percent; Jones, 8.68 percent; and Alexander, 8.37 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$1,298,971,788 on October 31, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$1,489,134,567. During the month of October, ESC collected \$34,238,740 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$1,302,997,585, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$9,663,669 on October 31, 2009.

As of September 30, 2009, there were 199,855 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in October 2009 were paid \$186,271,666 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$308.82, a decrease of 4.3 percent from the prior month (\$322.62). This average increased 6.4 percent from October 2008 (\$290.13). Claimants receiving first payments in October totaled 34,423, a 3.2 percent decrease from September (35,576) and a 15.3 percent increase from the October 2008 level (29,865). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 26,699, for a decrease of 8.0 percent from September's volume (29,013) and an increase of 131.3 percent from the October 2008 volume (11,545).

New and renewed job applications taken in October by ESC local offices totaled 23,137, down 3.8 percent from September's volume (24,050) and down 6.3 percent from October 2008 (24,691).

Individuals placed in October by ESC local offices totaled 4,235 up 5.2 percent from September's volume (4,026) and down 23.3 percent from October 2008 (5,520).

A total of 3,527 non-farm placements occurred in October 2009. This represented a 12.8 percent increase since September 2009 (3,126) and down 22.7 percent from October 2008 (4,565). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 41.1 percent; veteran, 14.0 percent; minority, 53.7 percent; UI claimants, 26.8 percent; applicants under 22, 13.4 percent; males over 21, 50.9 percent; and, disabled, 11.0 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity November 2009

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Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

		Current Month NOV 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ OCT 09
Valerie Dorsett		10.0%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	10.2%
David Gantt		10.8%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.9%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,534,792	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,529,162
Kevin McLaughlin		4,047,161	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,034,708
Juanita Pilgrim		487,631	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	494,454
Charles Roth		3,920,000	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,928,800
		NOV 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	OCT 09
Unemployment		414,992	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2008	414,992
Benefit Payments		205,202	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Nov. 2009	196,561
November 2009		737,300	Weeks of UI paid in Nov. 2009	645,777
Mecklenburg	\$24,347,865	\$1,313.6 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2008	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$19,216,107	\$195.3 Million	Amount paid in UI - Nov. 2009 ³	\$186.3 Million
Guilford	\$11,163,476	\$137.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Nov. 2009 ⁴	\$115.3 Million
Forsyth	\$7,121,877	\$40.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Nov. 2009 ⁴	\$29.3 Million
Gaston	\$6,397,677	\$10,000	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Nov. 2009 ⁵	\$15,894
Cabarrus	\$5,333,987	\$277.00	Average UI Check - 2008 (per week)	\$277.00
Catawba	\$5,107,560	\$295.83	Average UI Check - Nov. 2009	\$297.88
Durham	\$4,740,917	\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
Iredell	\$4,730,186	16.0 Weeks	Average Duration (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	14.7 Weeks
Union	\$4,701,403	17 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	18 th (Lowest)
		\$955.2 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Nov. 2009	\$960.8 Million
		\$2,693.6 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Nov. 2009	\$2,626.0 Million
		-\$1,393.7 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Nov. 30, 2009	-\$1,299.0 Million
		\$1,397.4 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Nov. 30, 2009	\$1,303.0 Million
		\$18.2 Million	State Reserve Balance - Nov. 30, 2009	\$9.7 Million
Current Locations		NOV 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	OCT 09
89 local offices		19,692	New Job Applicants - Nov. 2009	22,243
102 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		117,454	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Nov. 2009)	97,762
39 non-ESC hosted		351,955	Jobseekers available as of Nov. 30, 2009	357,045
		50,150	Jobseekers provided service - Nov. 2009 ⁶	60,828
		24,310	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Nov. 2009 ⁶	32,232
		312,177	Total Services provided - Nov. 2009	342,993
		9,808	Job Openings listed - Nov. 2009	12,386
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	153,282
		62,819	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Nov. 2009)	53,011
		1,408	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Nov. 2009	1,818
		11,146	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Nov. 2009)	9,230
		5,291	Jobseekers entering employment - Nov. 2009	7,234
		48,411	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Nov. 2009)	40,046

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³ Includes benefits paid from the UI Trust Fund for UI benefits for period Oct 30, 2009 - Nov. 29, 2009.

⁴ Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 33 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for Jobseekers provided service and Jobseekers referred to jobs represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2009).

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 852,682 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in November 2009, up 16.4 percent from October (732,856) and up 53.5 percent from November a year ago (555,660).

November's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 5.1 percent rose above the October's 4.2 percent, and was above the 3.5 percent of November a year ago.

There were 88,938 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in November 2009, up 13.4 percent from the prior month's total of 78,430. Compared with November 2008 (88,690), Initial Claims' volume increased 0.3 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the third quarter of 2009, the average duration was 16.0 weeks for North Carolina, Mississippi, Texas and Wyoming, while the national average increased from 16.2 weeks to 17.4 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 12.7 weeks; North Dakota, 12.8 weeks; Nebraska, 13.0 weeks; Georgia, 14.0 weeks; Iowa, 14.2 weeks; Virginia, 14.6 weeks; Alabama, 14.7 weeks; Colorado, 14.9 weeks; West Virginia, 15.2 weeks; Louisiana, 15.3 weeks; Arkansas and Idaho, 15.4 weeks; Oklahoma, 15.6 weeks; Wisconsin, 15.7 weeks; and Indiana and South Carolina, 15.8 weeks.

During November 2009, all 100 counties reported an increase in the IUR. When comparing current rates to November 2009, all 100 counties reported an increase in the IUR. Counties with the lowest rates in November 2009 were Orange, 2.18 percent; Durham, 2.52 percent; Watauga, 2.57 percent; Buncombe, 3.45 percent; and Wake, 3.64 percent. Counties with the highest rates in November 2009 were Caswell, 16.33 percent; Stokes, 13.50 percent; Perquimans, 12.03 percent; Clay, 10.64 percent; and Jones, 10.57 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$1,393,682,485 on November 30, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$1,583,845,264. During the month of November, ESC collected \$111,486,570 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$1,397,385,157, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$18,214,777 on November 30, 2009.

As of September 30, 2009, there were 199,855 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in November 2009 were paid \$195,296,574 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$306.89, a decrease of 0.6 percent from the prior month (\$308.82). This average increased 4.4 percent from November 2008 (\$294.01). Claimants receiving first payments in November totaled 42,942, a 24.7 percent increase from October (34,423) and an 18.5 percent increase from the November 2008 level (36,236). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 29,043, for an increase of 8.8 percent from October's volume (26,699) and an increase of 121.2 percent from the November 2008 volume (13,131).

New and renewed job applications taken in November by ESC local offices totaled 20,749, down 10.3 percent from October's volume (23,137) and down 2.5 percent from November 2008 (21,288).

Individuals placed in November by ESC local offices totaled 2,769 down 34.6 percent from October's volume (4,235) and down 18.2 percent from November 2008 (3,386).

A total of 2,896 non-farm placements occurred in November 2009. This represented a 17.9 percent decrease since October 2009 (3,527) and down 11.3 percent from November 2008 (3,264). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 39.4 percent; veteran, 13.9 percent; minority, 55.6 percent; UI claimants, 29.2 percent; applicants under 22, 11.0 percent; males over 21, 54.4 percent; and, disabled, 11.7 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity December 2009

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

		Current Month DEC 09	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ NOV 09
Valerie Dorsett		10.0%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	10.0%
David Gantt		11.2%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.7%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,522,321	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,534,637
Kevin McLaughlin		4,016,382	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,047,720
Juanita Pilgrim		505,939	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	486,917
Charles Roth		3,924,000	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,926,400
		DEC 09	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	NOV 09
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2009	414,992
Benefit Payments		218,772	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Dec. 2009	205,202
December 2009		738,706	Weeks of UI paid in Dec. 2009	737,300
Mecklenburg	\$22,263,452	\$2,727.4 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2009	\$1,313.6 Million
Wake	\$17,646,091	\$227.9 Million	Amount paid in UI - Dec. 2009 ³	\$195.3 Million
Guilford	\$10,612,891	\$138.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Dec. 2009 ⁴	\$137.1 Million
Forsyth	\$6,914,092	\$49.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Dec. 2009 ⁴	\$40.0 Million
Gaston	\$6,082,972	\$3.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier III - Dec. 2009 ⁴	-
Cabarrus	\$4,942,602	\$19,000	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Dec. 2009 ⁵	\$10,000
Catawba	\$4,750,639	\$296.02	Average UI Check - 2009 (per week)	\$277.00
Union	\$4,497,621	\$289.01	Average UI Check - Dec. 2009	\$295.83
Iredell	\$4,449,496	\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
Durham	\$4,362,513	16.0 Weeks	Average Duration (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	16.0 Weeks
		17 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	17 th (Lowest)
		\$955.6 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Dec. 2009	\$955.2 Million
		\$2,727.4 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Dec. 2009	\$2,693.6 Million
		-\$1,606.1 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Dec. 31, 2009	-\$1,393.7 Million
		\$1,606.7 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Dec. 31, 2009	\$1,397.4 Million
		\$26.9 Million	State Reserve Balance - Dec. 31, 2009	\$18.2 Million
Current Locations		DEC 09	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	NOV 09
89 local offices		19,067	New Job Applicants - Dec. 2009	19,692
102 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		136,521	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Dec. 2009)	117,454
39 non-ESC hosted		349,413	Jobseekers available as of Dec. 31, 2009	351,955
		47,509	Jobseekers provided service - Dec. 2009 ⁶	50,150
		21,933	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Dec. 2009 ⁶	24,310
		323,909	Total Services provided - Dec. 2009	312,177
		12,767	Job Openings listed - Dec. 2009	9,808
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	153,282
		75,586	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Dec. 2009)	62,819
		1,533	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Dec. 2009	1,408
		13,160	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Dec. 2009)	11,146
		5,335	Jobseekers entering employment - Dec. 2009	5,291
		56,831	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Dec. 2009)	48,411

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⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2009).

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 862,882 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in December 2009, up 1.2 percent from November (852,682) and up 9.3 percent from December a year ago (789,562).

December's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 4.7 percent dropped below the November's 5.1 percent, and was above the 4.3 percent of December a year ago.

There were 107,302 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in December 2009, up 20.6 percent from the prior month's total of 88,938. Compared with December 2008 (155,913), Initial Claims' volume decreased 31.2 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the third quarter of 2009, the average duration was 16.0 weeks for North Carolina, Mississippi, Texas and Wyoming, while the national average increased from 16.2 weeks to 17.4 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 12.7 weeks; North Dakota, 12.8 weeks; Nebraska, 13.0 weeks; Georgia, 14.0 weeks; Iowa, 14.2 weeks; Virginia, 14.6 weeks; Alabama, 14.7 weeks; Colorado, 14.9 weeks; West Virginia, 15.2 weeks; Louisiana, 15.3 weeks; Arkansas and Idaho, 15.4 weeks; Oklahoma, 15.6 weeks; Wisconsin, 15.7 weeks; and Indiana and South Carolina, 15.8 weeks.

During December 2009, 69 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 31 counties reported an increase. When comparing current rates to December 2008, 40 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 60 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in December 2009 were Orange, 1.94 percent; Durham, 2.22 percent; Watauga, 2.83 percent; Wake, 3.08 percent; and Buncombe, 3.23 percent. Counties with the highest rates in December 2009 were Caswell, 16.13 percent; Stokes, 12.55 percent; Perquimans, 11.64 percent; Graham, 11.31 percent; and Tyrrell, 11.20 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$1,606,065,783 on December 31, 2009. Since January 1, 2009 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$1,796,228,563. During the month of December, ESC collected \$24,471,284 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$1,606,700,137, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$26,942,453 on December 31, 2009.

As of December 31, 2009, there were 198,849 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in December 2009 were paid \$227,895,299 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$301.50, a decrease of 1.8 percent from the prior month (\$306.89). This average increased 3.6 percent from December 2008 (\$291.14). Claimants receiving first payments in December totaled 49,858, a 16.1 percent increase from November (42,942) and a 17.5 percent decrease from the December 2008 level (60,422). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 25,812, for a decrease of 11.1 percent from November's volume (29,043) and an increase of 67.5 percent from the December 2008 volume (15,409).

New and renewed job applications taken in December by ESC local offices totaled 20,219, down 2.6 percent from November's volume (20,749) and down 10.5 percent from December 2008 (22,581).

Individuals placed in December by ESC local offices totaled 3,025 up 9.2 percent from November's volume (2,769) and up 12.3 percent from December 2008 (2,694).

A total of 3,127 non-farm placements occurred in December 2009. This represented an 8.0 percent increase since November 2009 (2,896) and up 21.0 percent from December 2008 (2,585). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 36.9 percent; veteran, 13.4 percent; minority, 53.6 percent; UI claimants, 32.6 percent; applicants under 22, 14.6 percent; males over 21, 54.1 percent; and, disabled, 11.2 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity January 2010

Released: Monday
February 22, 2010

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

Valerie Dorsett
David Gantt
Edward W. Kelly, III
Kevin McLaughlin
Juanita Pilgrim
Charles Roth

		Current Month JAN 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ DEC 09
		9.7%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	10.0%
		Available 3/10/10	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	11.2%
		Available 3/10/10	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,522,321
		Available 3/10/10	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,016,382
		Available 3/10/10	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	505,939
		Available 3/10/10	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,924,000
		JAN 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	DEC 09
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2009	675,300
Benefit Payments		237,759	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Jan. 2010	218,772
January 2010		803,488	Weeks of UI paid in Jan. 2010	738,706
Mecklenburg	\$23,622,028	\$2,727.4 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2009	\$2,727.4 Million
Wake	\$18,824,737	\$226.5 Million	Amount paid in UI - Jan. 2010 ³	\$227.9 Million
Guilford	\$11,736,213	\$126.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Jan. 2010 ⁴	\$138.2 Million
Forsyth	\$7,340,385	\$47.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Jan. 2010 ⁴	\$49.0 Million
Gaston	\$6,243,246	\$74.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier III - Jan. 2010 ⁴	\$3.6 Million
Cabarrus	\$5,630,947	\$9,324	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier IV - Jan. 2010 ⁴	-
Catawba	\$5,390,887	\$21,000	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Jan. 2010 ⁵	\$19,000
Iredell	\$5,127,806	\$296.02	Average UI Check - 2009 (per week)	\$296.02
Union	\$4,920,069	\$290.84	Average UI Check - Jan. 2010	\$289.01
Durham	\$4,684,211	\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
		16.0 Weeks	Average Duration (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	16.0 Weeks
		17 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	17 th (Lowest)
		\$956.5 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Jan. 2010	\$955.6 Million
		\$2,752.3 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Jan. 2010	\$2,727.4 Million
		-\$1,794.1 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Jan. 31, 2010	-\$1,606.1 Million
		\$1,798.4 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Jan. 31, 2010	\$1,606.7 Million
		\$30.5 Million	State Reserve Balance - Jan. 31, 2010	\$26.9 Million
Current Locations		JAN 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	DEC 09
89 local offices		22,903	New Job Applicants - Jan. 2010	19,067
102 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		159,424	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Jan. 2010)	136,521
39 non-ESC hosted		360,523	Jobseekers available as of Jan. 31, 2010	349,413
		50,264	Jobseekers provided service - Jan. 2010 ⁶	47,509
		25,917	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Jan. 2010 ⁶	21,933
		347,417	Total Services provided - Jan. 2010	323,909
		11,128	Job Openings listed - Jan. 2010	12,767
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	153,282
		86,714	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Jan. 2010)	75,586
		1,475	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Jan. 2010	1,533
		14,459	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Jan. 2010)	13,160
		3,981	Jobseekers entering employment - Jan. 2010	5,335
		63,143	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Jan. 2010)	56,831

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 930,945 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in January 2010, up 7.9 percent from December (862,882) and up 10.7 percent from January a year ago (841,306).

January's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 5.7 percent rose above the December's 4.7 percent, and the 4.8 percent of January a year ago.

There were 110,710 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in January 2010, up 3.2 percent from the prior month's total of 107,302. Compared with January 2009 (158,659), Initial Claims' volume decreased 30.2 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the third quarter of 2009, the average duration was 16.0 weeks for North Carolina, Mississippi, Texas and Wyoming, while the national average increased from 16.2 weeks to 17.4 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 12.7 weeks; North Dakota, 12.8 weeks; Nebraska, 13.0 weeks; Georgia, 14.0 weeks; Iowa, 14.2 weeks; Virginia, 14.6 weeks; Alabama, 14.7 weeks; Colorado, 14.9 weeks; West Virginia, 15.2 weeks; Louisiana, 15.3 weeks; Arkansas and Idaho, 15.4 weeks; Oklahoma, 15.6 weeks; Wisconsin, 15.7 weeks; and Indiana and South Carolina, 15.8 weeks.

During January 2010, 99 counties reported an increase in the IUR and 1 remained unchanged. When comparing current rates to January 2009, 7 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 93 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in January 2010 were Orange, 2.12 percent; Durham, 2.45 percent; Wake, 3.48 percent; Watauga, 3.69 percent; and Mecklenburg, 3.87 percent. Counties with the highest rates in January 2010 were Caswell, 18.55 percent; Graham, 17.11 percent; Stokes, 15.46 percent; Alexander, 14.31 percent; and Perquimans, 13.73 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$1,794,136,387 on January 31, 2010. Since January 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$188,070,604. During the month of January, ESC collected \$42,225,176 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$1,798,371,672, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$30,540,481 on January 31, 2010.

As of December 31, 2009, there were 198,849 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in January 2010 were paid \$226,487,604 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$301.14, a decrease of 0.1 percent from the prior month (\$301.50). This average increased 1.5 percent from January 2009 (\$296.68). Claimants receiving first payments in January totaled 60,110, a 20.6 percent increase from December (49,858) and a 20.0 percent decrease from the January 2009 level (75,163). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 29,213, for an increase of 13.2 percent from December's volume (25,812) and an increase of 95.4 percent from the January 2009 volume (14,954).

New and renewed job applications taken in January by ESC local offices totaled 24,412, up 20.7 percent from December's volume (20,219) and down 7.6 percent from January 2009 (26,418).

Individuals placed in January by ESC local offices totaled 2,045 down 32.4 percent from December's volume (3,025) and down 2.6 percent from January 2009 (2,099).

A total of 2,176 non-farm placements occurred in January 2010. This represented a 30.4 percent decrease since December 2009 (3,127) and down 3.9 percent from January 2009 (2,264). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 40.6 percent; veteran, 15.6 percent; minority, 52.8 percent; UI claimants, 34.3 percent; applicants under 22, 10.3 percent; males over 21, 53.8 percent; and, disabled, 12.6 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity February 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month FEB 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ JAN 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.7%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.7%
David Gantt		11.2%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	11.1%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,549,508	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,538,076
Kevin McLaughlin		4,038,734	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,035,898
Juanita Pilgrim		510,774	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	502,178
Charles Roth		3,889,500	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,892,300
		FEB 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	JAN 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2009	675,300
Benefit Payments		220,761	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Feb. 2010	237,759
February 2010		728,724	Weeks of UI paid in Feb. 2010	803,488
Mecklenburg	\$20,892,954	\$2,758.0 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2009	\$2,758.0 Million
Wake	\$16,801,135	\$211.9 Million	Amount paid in UI - Feb. 2010 ³	\$233.7 Million
Guilford	\$10,358,466	\$107.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Feb. 2010 ⁴	\$125.7 Million
Forsyth	\$6,648,294	\$51.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Feb. 2010 ⁴	\$47.0 Million
Gaston	\$5,434,613	\$39.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier III - Feb. 2010 ⁴	\$57.0 Million
Cabarrus	\$4,949,334	\$0.00	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier IV - Feb. 2010 ⁴	\$0.00
Catawba	\$4,818,751	\$11.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EB - Feb. 2010 ⁵	\$6.3 Million
Iredell	\$4,633,928	\$28,000	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Feb. 2010 ⁵	\$21,000
Union	\$4,439,134	\$296.02	Average UI Check - 2009 (per week)	\$296.02
Rowan	\$4,282,821	\$290.84	Average UI Check - Feb. 2010	\$290.84
		\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
		16.0 Weeks	Average Duration (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	16.0 Weeks
		17 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009)	17 th (Lowest)
		\$957.6 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Feb. 2010	\$956.5 Million
		\$2,787. 1 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Feb. 2010	\$2,752.3 Million
		-\$1,912.5 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Feb. 28, 2010	-\$1,794.1 Million
		\$1,916.3 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Feb. 28, 2010	\$1,798.4 Million
		\$40.9 Million	State Reserve Balance - Feb. 28, 2010	\$30.5 Million
Current Locations		FEB 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	JAN 10
89 local offices		19,157	New Job Applicants - Feb. 2010	22,903
102 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		178,581	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Feb. 2010)	159,424
39 non-ESC hosted		356,694	Jobseekers available as of Feb. 28, 2010	360,523
		41,121	Jobseekers provided service - Feb. 2010 ⁶	50,264
		23,239	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Feb. 2010 ⁶	25,917
		335,440	Total Services provided - Feb. 2010	347,417
		12,364	Job Openings listed - Feb. 2010	11,128
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	153,282
		99,078	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Feb. 2010)	86,714
		1,960	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Feb. 2010	1,475
		16,253	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Feb. 2010)	14,459
		5,565	Jobseekers entering employment - Feb. 2010	3,981
		70,026	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Feb. 2010)	63,143

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³ Includes benefits paid according to the federal ETA 5159 Claims and Payment Activities Report.

⁴ Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 53 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2008).

Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 832,679 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in February 2010, down 10.6 percent from January (930,945) and down 2.3 percent from February a year ago (852,489).

February's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 5.4 percent dropped below the January's 5.7 percent, and rose slightly above the 5.3 percent of February a year ago.

There were 76,208 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in February 2010, down 31.2 percent from the prior month's total of 110,710. Compared with February 2009 (120,379), Initial Claims' volume decreased 36.7 percent.

North Carolina has one of the lower duration rates of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits. During the third quarter of 2010, the average duration was 16.0 weeks for North Carolina, Mississippi, Texas and Wyoming, while the national average increased from 16.2 weeks to 17.4 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; South Dakota, 12.7 weeks; North Dakota, 12.8 weeks; Nebraska, 13.0 weeks; Georgia, 14.0 weeks; Iowa, 14.2 weeks; Virginia, 14.6 weeks; Alabama, 14.7 weeks; Colorado, 14.9 weeks; West Virginia, 15.2 weeks; Louisiana, 15.3 weeks; Arkansas and Idaho, 15.4 weeks; Oklahoma, 15.6 weeks; Wisconsin, 15.7 weeks; and Indiana and South Carolina, 15.8 weeks.

During February 2010, 89 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 11 reported an increase. When comparing current rates to February 2009, 43 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 55 counties reported an increase while 2 remained unchanged. Counties with the lowest rates in February 2010 were Orange, 1.97 percent; Durham, 2.29 percent; Wake, 3.29 percent; Mecklenburg, 3.62 percent; and Forsyth, 3.69 percent. Counties with the highest rates in February 2010 were Caswell, 17.24 percent; Graham, 15.73 percent; Stokes, 15.41 percent; Perquimans, 13.27 percent; and Yancey, 13.22 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$1,912,522,079 on February 28, 2010. Since February 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased \$306,456,295. During the month of February, ESC collected \$82,035,584 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$1,916,256,270, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$40,850,596 on February 28, 2010.

As of December 31, 2009, there were 198,849 covered employers in the state.

ESC Finance and Budget reports that claimants in February 2010 were paid \$211,943,497 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$301.27, a \$0.13 increase over the prior month (\$301.14). This average increased 0.2 percent from February 2009 (\$300.65). Claimants receiving first payments in February totaled 41,813, a 30.4 percent decrease from January (60,110) and a 20.4 percent decrease from the February 2009 level (52,546). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 27,353, for a decrease of 6.4 percent from January's volume (29,213) and an increase of 55.8 percent from the February 2009 volume (17,552).

New and renewed job applications taken in February by ESC local offices totaled 20,427, down 16.3 percent from January's volume (24,412) and down 10.9 percent from February 2010 (22,917).

Individuals placed in February by ESC local offices totaled 2,809 up 37.4 percent from January's volume (2,045) and down 4.9 percent from February 2009 (2,953).

A total of 2,976 non-farm placements occurred in February 2010. This represented a 36.8 percent increase since January 2010 (2,176) and down 4.0 percent from February 2009 (3,099). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 40.1 percent; veteran, 15.2 percent; minority, 51.7 percent; UI claimants, 38.1 percent; applicants under 22, 9.9 percent; males over 21, 54.0 percent; and, disabled, 13.5 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity

March 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month MAR 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ FEB 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.7%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.7%
David Gantt		11.1%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	11.2%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,564,367	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,549,039
Kevin McLaughlin		4,056,681	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,038,559
Juanita Pilgrim		507,686	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	510,480
Charles Roth		3,891,800	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,888,500
		MAR 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	FEB 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI checks - 2009	675,300
Benefit Payments		216,344	Individuals receiving UI benefits - Mar. 2010	220,761
March 2010		784,854	Weeks of UI paid in Mar. 2010	728,724
Mecklenburg	\$22,756,810	\$2,758.0 Million	Amount paid in UI - 2009	\$2,758.0 Million
Wake	\$18,146,763	\$227.2 Million	Amount paid in UI - Mar. 2010 ³	\$211.9 Million
Guilford	\$11,351,318	\$121.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier I - Mar. 2010 ⁴	\$107.6 Million
Forsyth	\$7,235,775	\$53.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier II - Mar. 2010 ⁴	\$51.6 Million
Gaston	\$5,823,042	\$45.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier III - Mar. 2010 ⁴	\$39.0 Million
Catawba	\$5,038,773	\$22.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EUC Tier IV - Mar. 2010 ⁴	\$0.00
Iredell	\$5,026,736	\$9.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits - EB - Mar. 2010 ⁵	\$11.6 Million
Cabarrus	\$4,839,701	\$0.00	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits - EB - Mar. 2010 ⁵	\$28,000
Durham	\$4,751,586	\$296.02	Average UI Check - 2009 (per week)	\$296.02
Buncombe	\$4,719,258	\$289.52	Average UI Check - Mar. 2010	\$290.84
		\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
		17.1 Weeks	Average Duration (Oct. 2009 - Dec. 2009)	16.0 Weeks
		18 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Oct. 2009 - Dec. 2009)	17 th (Lowest)
		\$958.5 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Mar. 2010	\$957.6 Million
		\$2,733.7 Million	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Mar. 2010	\$2,787.1 Million
		-\$2,134.2 Million	Trust Fund Balance - Mar. 31, 2010	-\$1,912.5 Million
		\$2,135.9 Million	Federal Loan Balance - Mar. 31, 2010	\$1,916.3 Million
		\$21.3 Million	State Reserve Balance - Mar. 31, 2010	\$40.9 Million
Current Locations		MAR 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	FEB 10
89 local offices		21,860	New Job Applicants - Mar. 2010	19,157
102 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		200,441	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Mar. 2010)	178,581
39 non-ESC hosted		362,757	Jobseekers available as of Mar. 31, 2010	356,694
		45,992	Jobseekers provided service - Mar. 2010 ⁶	41,121
		26,270	Jobseekers referred to jobs - Mar. 2010 ⁶	23,239
		409,280	Total Services provided - Mar. 2010	335,440
		17,740	Job Openings listed - Mar. 2010	12,364
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 - Jun. 2009)	153,282
		116,818	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Mar. 2010)	99,078
		2,390	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Mar. 2010	1,960
		18,493	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Mar. 2010)	16,253
		6,162	Jobseekers entering employment - Mar. 2010	5,565
		77,363	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Mar. 2010)	70,026

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⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for Jobseekers provided service and Jobseekers referred to jobs represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2008).

Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 907,239 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in March 2010, up 9.0 percent from February (832,679) and down 16.0 percent from March a year ago (1,080,554).

March's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 5.1 percent dropped below the February's 5.4 percent, and was below the 6.1 percent of March a year ago.

There were 80,191 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in March 2010, up 5.2 percent from the prior month's total of 76,208. Compared with March 2009 (134,964), Initial Claims' volume decreased 40.6 percent.

During the fourth quarter of 2009, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 17.1 weeks for North Carolina, Indiana and South Carolina, while the national average increased from 17.4 weeks to 18.8 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; North Dakota and South Dakota, 13.7 weeks; Nebraska, 13.9 weeks; Georgia, 15.3 weeks; Iowa, 15.6 weeks; Virginia, 15.9 weeks; Colorado and Utah, 16.0 weeks; Alabama, West Virginia and Wyoming, 16.5 weeks; Idaho and Louisiana, 16.6 weeks; Arkansas, 16.8 weeks; New Hampshire; 16.9 weeks; and Maine and Wisconsin, 17.0 weeks.

During March 2010, 88 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 12 reported an increase. When comparing current rates to March 2009, 96 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 4 counties reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in March 2010 were Orange, 1.96 percent; Durham, 2.28 percent; Wake, 3.13 percent; Mecklenburg, 3.48 percent; and Forsyth, 3.57 percent. Counties with the highest rates in March 2010 were Caswell, 15.57 percent; Stokes, 14.27 percent; Graham, 13.71 percent; Perquimans, 11.73 percent; and Ashe, 11.71 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,134,228,364 on March 31, 2010. Since January 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$528,162,581. During the month of March, ESC collected \$4,227,475 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,135,875,461, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$21,283,817 on March 31, 2010.

As of March 31, 2010, there were 197,956 covered employers in the state compared to 198,849 at the end of the prior quarter, and 202,374 at the end of March a year ago.

Claimants in March 2010 were paid \$227,227,627 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$300.19, a decrease of 0.4 percent from the prior month (\$301.27). This average decreased 1.3 percent from March 2009 (\$303.99). Claimants receiving first payments in March totaled 39,524, a 5.5 percent decrease from February (41,813) and a 27.4 percent decrease from the March 2009 level (54,407). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 28,207, for an increase of 3.1 percent from February's volume (27,353) and an increase of 25.6 percent from the March 2009 volume (22,462).

New and renewed job applications taken in March by ESC local offices totaled 23,507, up 15.1 percent from February's volume (20,427) and down 4.3 percent from March 2010 (24,559).

Individuals placed in March by ESC local offices totaled 3,121 up 11.1 percent from February's volume (2,809) and up 6.2 percent from March 2009 (2,938).

A total of 3,337 non-farm placements occurred in March 2010. This represented a 12.1 percent increase since February 2010 (2,976) and up 5.7 percent from March 2009 (3,158). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 38.8 percent; veteran, 15.2 percent; minority, 50.3 percent; UI claimants, 39.0 percent; applicants under 22, 11.9 percent; males over 21, 53.9 percent; and, disabled, 12.8 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity

April 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month APR 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ MAR 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.9%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.7%
David Gantt		10.8%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	11.1%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,571,156	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,564,936
Kevin McLaughlin		4,079,689	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,056,953
Juanita Pilgrim		491,467	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	507,983
Charles Roth		3,902,000	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,894,500
		APR 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	MAR 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments - 2009	675,300
Benefit Payments		190,311	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Apr. 2010	213,786
April 2010		647,459	Weeks of UI paid in Apr. 2010	784,854
Mecklenburg	\$20,172,064	\$2.8 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2009	\$2.8 Billion
Wake	\$16,333,092	\$189.3 Million	Amount paid in UI – Apr. 2010 ³	\$227.2 Million
Guilford	\$9,818,409	\$106.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Apr. 2010 ⁴	\$121.2 Million
Forsyth	\$6,348,656	\$40.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Apr. 2010 ⁴	\$53.3 Million
Gaston	\$4,868,506	\$37.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Apr. 2010 ⁴	\$45.5 Million
Cabarrus	\$4,185,419	\$15.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Apr. 2010 ⁴	\$22.0 Million
Catawba	\$4,156,868	\$18.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Apr. 2010 ⁵	\$9.2 Million
Durham	\$4,145,745	\$211,000	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Apr. 2010 ⁵	\$0.00
Iredell	\$4,110,720	\$296.02	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2009	\$296.02
Union	\$3,956,134	\$292.39	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Apr. 2010	\$289.52
		\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
		17.1 Weeks	Average Duration (Oct. 2009 – Dec. 2009)	17.1 Weeks
		18th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Oct. 2009 – Dec. 2009)	18th (Lowest)
		\$959.5 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Apr. 2010	\$958.5 Million
		\$2.7 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Apr. 2010	\$2.7 Billion
		-\$2.3 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Apr. 30, 2010	-\$2.1 Billion
		\$2.3 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Apr. 30, 2010	\$2.1 Billion
		\$34.3 Million	State Reserve Balance – Apr. 30, 2010	\$21.3 Million
Current Locations		APR 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	MAR 10
89 local offices		17,776	New Job Applicants - Apr. 2010	21,860
102 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 – Jun. 2009)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		218,217	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Apr. 2010)	200,441
39 non-ESC hosted		354,327	Jobseekers available as of Apr. 30, 2010	362,757
		36,348	Jobseekers provided service – Apr. 2010 ⁶	45,992
		22,700	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Apr. 2010 ⁶	26,270
		352,900	Total Services provided – Apr. 2010	409,280
		16,140	Job Openings listed – Apr. 2010	17,740
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 – Jun. 2009)	153,282
		132,958	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Apr. 2010)	116,818
		2,482	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Apr. 2010	2,390
		20,985	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Apr. 2010)	18,493
		5,963	Jobseekers entering employment – Apr. 2010	6,162
		85,650	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Apr. 2010)	77,363

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⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2008).

Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 737,049 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in April 2010, down 18.8 percent from March (907,239) and down 19.9 percent from April a year ago (920,317).

April's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 4.4 percent dropped below the March's 5.1 percent, and was below the 5.2 percent of April a year ago.

There were 59,971 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in April 2010, down 25.2 percent from the prior month's total of 80,191. Compared with April 2009 (110,375), Initial Claims' volume decreased 45.7 percent.

During the fourth quarter of 2009, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 17.1 weeks for North Carolina, Indiana and South Carolina, while the national average increased from 17.4 weeks to 18.8 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were; North Dakota and South Dakota, 13.7 weeks; Nebraska, 13.9 weeks; Georgia, 15.3 weeks; Iowa, 15.6 weeks; Virginia, 15.9 weeks; Colorado and Utah, 16.0 weeks; Alabama, West Virginia and Wyoming, 16.5 weeks; Idaho and Louisiana, 16.6 weeks; Arkansas, 16.8 weeks; New Hampshire; 16.9 weeks; and Maine and Wisconsin, 17.0 weeks.

During April 2010, 100 counties reported a decrease in the IUR. When comparing current rates to April 2009, 88 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 11 counties reporting an increase and 1 remaining unchanged. Counties with the lowest rates in April 2010 were Orange, 1.73 percent; Durham, 2.04 percent; Wake and Watauga, 2.90 percent; Pasquotank, 3.08 percent; and Forsyth and Mecklenburg, 3.20 percent. Counties with the highest rates in April 2010 were Caswell, 12.99 percent; Stokes, 12.02 percent; Jones, 10.42 percent; Alexander, 9.43 percent; and Graham, 9.02 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,271,901,032 on April 30, 2010. Since January 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$665,835,249. During the month of April, ESC collected \$71,329,028 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,276,136,317, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$34,272,094 on April 30, 2010.

As of March 31, 2010, there were 197,956 covered employers in the state compared to 198,849 at the end of the prior quarter, and 202,374 at the end of March a year ago.

Claimants in April 2010 were paid \$189,312,939 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$301.99, an increase of 0.6 percent from the prior month (\$300.19). This average decreased 1.7 percent from April 2009 (\$307.25). Claimants receiving first payments in April totaled 31,153, a 21.2 percent decrease from March (39,524) and a 26.1 percent decrease from the April 2009 level (42,149). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 29,815, for an increase of 5.7 percent from March's volume (28,207) and an increase of 29.0 percent from the April 2009 volume (23,116).

New and renewed job applications taken in April by ESC local offices totaled 19,270, down 18.0 percent from March's volume (23,507) and down 12.0 percent from April 2009 (21,889).

Individuals placed in April by ESC local offices totaled 2,832 down 9.3 percent from March's volume (3,121) and up 2.2 percent from April 2009 (2,772).

A total of 2,937 non-farm placements occurred in April 2010. This represented a 12.0 percent decrease since March 2010 (3,337) and down 0.4 percent from April 2009 (2,948). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 39.1 percent; veteran, 17.0 percent; minority, 46.4 percent; UI claimants, 43.0 percent; applicants under 22, 9.0 percent; males over 21, 55.5 percent; and, disabled, 13.5 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity

May 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month MAY 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ APR 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.7%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.9%
David Gantt		10.3%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.8%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,567,209	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,573,236
Juanita Pilgrim		4,094,595	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,079,873
Charles Roth		472,614	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	493,363
		3,917,600	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,904,700
		MAY 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	APR 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments - 2009	675,300
Benefit Payments		176,980	Individuals receiving UI benefits – May 2010	190,311
May 2010		667,636	Weeks of UI paid in May 2010	647,459
Mecklenburg	\$21,792,355	\$2.8 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2009	\$2.8 Billion
Wake	\$17,220,721	\$194.5 Million	Amount paid in UI – May 2010 ³	\$189.3 Million
Guilford	\$10,610,864	\$124.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – May 2010 ⁴	\$106.0 Million
Forsyth	\$6,646,004	\$52.8 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – May 2010 ⁴	\$40.0 Million
Gaston	\$4,873,920	\$38.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – May 2010 ⁴	\$37.2 Million
Cabarrus	\$4,439,654	\$17.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – May 2010 ⁴	\$15.5 Million
Durham	\$4,417,286	\$21.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – May 2010 ⁵	\$18.1 Million
Catawba	\$4,090,811	\$0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – May 2010 ⁵	\$211,000
Iredell	\$4,070,945	\$296.02	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2009	\$296.02
Union	\$3,955,165	\$291.38	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – May 2010	\$292.39
		\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
		18.3 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2010 – Mar. 2010)	17.1 Weeks
		16 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2010 – Mar. 2010)	18 th (Lowest)
		\$945.2 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending May 2010	\$959.5 Million
		\$2.6 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending May 2010	\$2.7 Billion
		-\$2.2 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – May 31, 2010	-\$2.3 Billion
		\$2.2 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – May 31, 2010	\$2.3 Billion
		\$81.6 Million	State Reserve Balance – May 31, 2010	\$34.3 Million
Current Locations		MAY 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	APR 10
89 local offices		18,080	New Job Applicants - May 2010	17,776
102 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 – Jun. 2009)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		236,297	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - May 2010)	218,217
39 non-ESC hosted		340,054	Jobseekers available as of May 31, 2010	354,327
		35,721	Jobseekers provided service – May 2010 ⁶	36,348
		24,098	Jobseekers referred to jobs – May 2010 ⁶	22,700
		360,458	Total Services provided – May 2010	352,900
		14,742	Job Openings listed – May 2010	16,140
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 – Jun. 2009)	153,282
		147,700	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - May 2010)	132,958
		2,600	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – May 2010	2,482
		23,170	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - May 2010)	20,985
		7,157	Jobseekers entering employment – May 2010	5,963
		95,954	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - May 2010)	85,650

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⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2008).

Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 761,356 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in May 2010, up 3.3 percent from April (737,049) and down 17.8 percent from May a year ago (925,900).

May's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 4.8 percent rose above the April's 4.4 percent, and was below the 5.5 percent of May a year ago.

There were 56,007 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in May 2010, down 6.6 percent from the prior month's total of 59,971. Compared with May 2009 (96,678), Initial Claims' volume decreased 42.1 percent.

During the first quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 18.3 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average increased from 18.8 weeks to 20.1 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.9 weeks; Nebraska and South Dakota, 15.1 weeks; Georgia, 16.0 weeks; Iowa, 16.5 weeks; Virginia, 17.0 weeks; Idaho, 17.1 weeks; Utah, 17.2 weeks; Colorado, 17.4 weeks; Maine, 17.7 weeks, Alabama, Arkansas, New Hampshire and West Virginia, 17.9 weeks; and Wisconsin, 18.2 weeks.

During May 2010, 26 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 74 reporting an increase. When comparing current rates to May 2009, 82 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 18 counties reporting an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in May 2010 were Orange, 1.98 percent; Durham, 2.36 percent; Hyde, 2.48 percent; Watauga, 2.58 percent; and Dare, 3.17 percent. Counties with the highest rates in May 2010 were Caswell, 13.64 percent; Stokes, 12.78 percent; Jones, 10.38 percent; Alexander, 9.37 percent; and Franklin, 9.28 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,162,692,279 on May 31, 2010. Since January 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$556,626,496. During the month of May, ESC collected \$322,497,632 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,167,272,069, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$81,554,587 on May 31, 2010.

As of March 31, 2010, there were 197,956 covered employers in the state compared to 198,849 at the end of the prior quarter, and 202,374 at the end of March a year ago.

Claimants in May 2010 were paid \$194,535,924 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$301.13, a decrease of 0.3 percent from the prior month (\$301.99). This average decreased 3.1 percent from May 2009 (\$310.76). Claimants receiving first payments in May totaled 30,670, a 1.6 percent decrease from April (31,153) and a 21.2 percent decrease from the May 2009 level (38,921). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 32,262, for an increase of 8.2 percent from April's volume (29,815) and an increase of 17.2 percent from the May 2009 volume (27,521).

New and renewed job applications taken in May by ESC local offices totaled 19,611, up 1.8 percent from April's volume (19,270) and down 10.5 percent from May 2009 (21,905).

Individuals placed in May by ESC local offices totaled 4,011 up 41.6 percent from April's volume (2,832) and up 2.8 percent from May 2009 (3,902).

A total of 3,887 non-farm placements occurred in May 2010. This represented a 32.3 percent increase since April 2010 (2,937) and down 1.7 percent from May 2009 (3,956). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 39.8 percent; veteran, 15.1 percent; minority, 51.6 percent; UI claimants, 38.6 percent; applicants under 22, 14.4 percent; males over 21, 51.6 percent; and, disabled, 13.3 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity June 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month JUN 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ MAY 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.5%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.7%
David Gantt		10.0%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.4%
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,544,036	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,570,061
Juanita Pilgrim		4,089,881	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,095,438
Charles Roth		454,155	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	474,623
		3,933,900	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,928,800
		JUN 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	MAY 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments - 2009	675,300
Benefit Payments		158,493	Individuals receiving UI benefits – June 2010	176,980
June 2010		572,134	Weeks of UI paid in June 2010	667,636
Mecklenburg	\$18,443,238	\$2.8 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2009	\$2.8 Billion
Wake	\$14,793,367	\$164.6 Million	Amount paid in UI – June 2010 ³	\$194.5 Million
Guilford	\$8,958,505	\$93.8 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – June 2010 ⁴	\$124.3 Million
Forsyth	\$5,610,953	\$48.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – June 2010 ⁴	\$52.8 Million
Gaston	\$3,932,717	\$26.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – June 2010 ⁴	\$38.5 Million
Durham	\$3,847,258	\$10.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – June 2010 ⁴	\$17.9 Million
Cabarrus	\$3,671,489	\$37.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – June 2010 ⁵	\$21.2 Million
Cumberland	\$3,482,878	\$150,545	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – June 2010 ⁵	\$0
Buncombe	\$3,341,582	\$296.02	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2009	\$296.02
New Hanover	\$3,308,965	\$287.73	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – June 2010	\$291.38
		\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
		18.3 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2010 – Mar. 2010)	18.3 Weeks
		16 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2010 – Mar. 2010)	16 th (Lowest)
		\$944.4 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending June 2010	\$945.2 Million
		\$2.5 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending June 2010	\$2.6 Billion
		-\$2.3 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – June 30, 2010	-\$2.2 Billion
		\$2.3 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – June 30, 2010	\$2.2 Billion
		\$23.7 Million	State Reserve Balance – June 30, 2010	\$81.6 Million
Current Locations		JUN 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	MAY 10
89 local offices		21,801	New Job Applicants - June 2010	18,080
102 Job Link Career Centers		267,262	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2008 – Jun. 2009)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		258,098	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Jun. 2010)	236,297
39 non-ESC hosted		338,962	Jobseekers available as of Jun. 30, 2010	340,054
		42,235	Jobseekers provided service – Jun. 2010 ⁶	35,721
		26,474	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Jun. 2010 ⁶	24,098
		425,852	Total Services provided – Jun. 2010	360,458
		15,936	Job Openings listed – Jun. 2010	14,742
		153,282	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2008 – Jun. 2009)	153,282
		163,636	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Jun. 2010)	147,700
		2,902	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Jun. 2010	2,600
		25,825	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Jun. 2010)	23,170
		9,884	Jobseekers entering employment – Jun. 2010	7,157
		108,651	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2009 - Jun. 2010)	95,954

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⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2008).

Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 659,672 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in June 2010, down 13.4 percent from May (761,356) and down 32.2 percent from June a year ago (972,951).

June's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 3.9 percent dropped below the May's 4.8 percent, and was below the 5.5 percent of June a year ago.

There were 60,890 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in June 2010, up 8.7 percent from the prior month's total of 56,007. Compared with June 2009 (105,907), Initial Claims' volume decreased 42.5 percent.

During the first quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 18.3 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average increased from 18.8 weeks to 20.1 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.9 weeks; Nebraska and South Dakota, 15.1 weeks; Georgia, 16.0 weeks; Iowa, 16.5 weeks; Virginia, 17.0 weeks; Idaho, 17.1 weeks; Utah, 17.2 weeks; Colorado, 17.4 weeks; Maine, 17.7 weeks, Alabama, Arkansas, New Hampshire and West Virginia, 17.9 weeks; and Wisconsin, 18.2 weeks.

During June 2010, 100 counties reported a decrease in the IUR. When comparing current rates to June 2009, 99 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 1 county reporting an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in June 2010 were Hyde, 1.60 percent; Dare, 1.65 percent; Orange, 1.76 percent; Durham, 2.02 percent; and Watauga, 2.09 percent. Counties with the highest rates in June 2010 were Caswell, 12.27 percent; Stokes, 9.88 percent; Alexander, 8.52 percent; Jones, 8.41 percent; and Franklin, 7.98 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,292,472,856 on June 30, 2010. Since January 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$686,407,073. During the month of June, ESC collected \$4,849,245 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,296,799,365, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$23,719,850 on June 30, 2010.

As of June 30, 2010, there were 197,624 covered employers in the state compared to 197,956 at the end of the prior quarter, and 202,000 at the end of June a year ago.

Claimants in June 2010 were paid \$164,619,670 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$298.16, a decrease of 1.0 percent from the prior month (\$301.13). This average decreased 3.7 percent from June 2009 (\$309.57). Claimants receiving first payments in June totaled 23,726, a 22.6 percent decrease from May (30,670) and a 43.4 percent decrease from the June 2009 level (41,894). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 26,785, for a decrease of 17.0 percent from May's volume (32,262) and a decrease of 12.7 percent from the June 2009 volume (30,670).

New and renewed job applications taken in June by ESC local offices totaled 23,602, up 20.4 percent from May's volume (19,611) and up 31.5 percent from June 2009 (17,946).

Individuals placed in June by ESC local offices totaled 6,119 up 52.6 percent from May's volume (4,011) and up 71.1 percent from June 2009 (3,576).

A total of 5,278 non-farm placements occurred in June 2010. This represented a 35.8 percent increase since May 2010 (3,887) and up 55.7 percent from June 2009 (3,389). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 41.3 percent; veteran, 12.1 percent; minority, 57.8 percent; UI claimants, 35.5 percent; applicants under 22, 16.9 percent; males over 21, 48.3 percent; and, disabled, 10.7 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity July 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month JUL 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ JUN 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.5%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.5%
David Gantt		9.8%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	10.0%
Hannah Holt		4,510,144	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,545,756
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,069,757	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,089,199
Juanita Pilgrim		440,387	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	456,557
Charles Roth		3,895,300	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,925,100
		JUL 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	JUN 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments - 2009	675,300
Benefit Payments		145,255	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Jul. 2010	158,493
July 2010		483,290	Weeks of UI paid in Jul. 2010	572,134
Mecklenburg	\$15,981,487	\$2.8 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2009	\$2.8 Billion
Wake	\$12,845,787	\$138.8 Million	Amount paid in UI – Jul. 2010 ³	\$164.6 Million
Guilford	\$7,433,487	\$97.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Jul. 2010 ⁴	\$93.8 Million
Forsyth	\$4,787,551	\$47.8 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Jul. 2010 ⁴	\$48.3 Million
Durham	\$3,383,756	\$27.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Jul. 2010 ⁴	\$26.3 Million
Gaston	\$3,238,732	\$9.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Jul. 2010 ⁴	\$10.2 Million
Cumberland	\$3,068,757	\$19.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Jul. 2010 ⁵	\$37.2 Million
Cabarrus	\$3,064,241	\$2.2 Million	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Jul. 2010 ⁵	\$150,545
Union	\$2,806,898	\$296.02	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2009	\$296.02
Buncombe	\$2,790,400	\$287.27	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Jul. 2010	\$287.73
		\$43 / \$505	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
		18.3 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2010 – Mar. 2010)	18.3 Weeks
		16 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2010 – Mar. 2010)	16 th (Lowest)
		\$934.9 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Jul. 2010	\$944.5 Million
		\$2.4 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Jul. 2010	\$2.5 Billion
		-\$2.4 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Jul. 31, 2010	-\$2.3 Billion
		\$2.4 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Jul. 31, 2010	\$2.3 Billion
		\$35.7 Million	State Reserve Balance – Jul. 31, 2010	\$23.7 Million
Current Locations		JUL 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	JUN 10
87 local offices		27,492	New Job Applicants - Jul. 2010	21,801
103 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	267,262
63 ESC hosted		27,492	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010)	258,098
40 non-ESC hosted		373,711	Jobseekers available as of Jul. 31, 2010	338,962
		132,464	Jobseekers provided service – Jul. 2010 ⁶	42,235
		62,420	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Jul. 2010 ⁶	26,474
		346,741	Total Services provided – Jul. 2010	425,852
		19,344	Job Openings listed – Jul. 2010	15,936
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	153,282
		19,344	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010)	163,636
		2,046	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Jul. 2010	2,902
		2,046	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010)	25,825
		11,412	Jobseekers entering employment – Jul. 2010	9,884
		11,412	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 10)	108,651

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 581,309 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in July 2010, down 11.9 percent from June (659,672) and down 33.1 percent from July a year ago (869,288).

July's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 3.5 percent dropped below the June's 3.9 percent, and was below the 4.7 percent of July a year ago.

There were 64,963 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in July 2010, up 6.7 percent from the prior month's total of 60,890. Compared with July 2009 (102,391), Initial Claims' volume decreased 36.6 percent.

During the first quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 18.3 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average increased from 18.8 weeks to 20.1 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.9 weeks; Nebraska and South Dakota, 15.1 weeks; Georgia, 16.0 weeks; Iowa, 16.5 weeks; Virginia, 17.0 weeks; Idaho, 17.1 weeks; Utah, 17.2 weeks; Colorado, 17.4 weeks; Maine, 17.7 weeks, Alabama, Arkansas, New Hampshire and West Virginia, 17.9 weeks; and Wisconsin, 18.2 weeks.

During July 2010, 98 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 2 reporting an increase. When comparing current rates to July 2009, 95 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 5 counties reporting an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in July 2010 were Dare, 1.28 percent; Hyde, 1.39 percent; Orange, 1.72 percent; Watauga, 1.84 percent; and Durham, 1.85 percent. Counties with the highest rates in July 2010 were Caswell, 9.94 percent; Stokes, 8.05 percent; Alexander, 7.77 percent; Jones, 7.32 percent; and Franklin, 7.29 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,387,606,788 on July 31, 2010. Since January 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$781,541,005. During the month of July, ESC collected \$58,213,456 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,391,933,298, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$35,674,113 on July 31, 2010.

As of June 30, 2010, there were 197,624 covered employers in the state compared to 197,956 at the end of the prior quarter, and 202,000 at the end of June a year ago.

Claimants in July 2010 were paid \$138,833,733 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$297.67, a decrease of 0.2 percent from the prior month (\$298.16). This average decreased 4.6 percent from July 2009 (\$311.93). Claimants receiving first payments in July totaled 23,189, a 2.3 percent decrease from June (23,726) and a 41.9 percent decrease from the July 2009 level (39,912). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 26,055, for a decrease of 2.7 percent from June's volume (26,785) and a decrease of 13.3 percent from the July 2009 volume (30,055).

New and renewed job applications taken in July by ESC local offices totaled 27,733, up 17.5 percent from June's volume (23,602) and up 0.4 percent from July 2009 (27,616).

Individuals placed in July by ESC local offices totaled 9,078 up 48.4 percent from June's volume (6,119) and up 48.1 percent from July 2009 (6,128).

A total of 4,324 non-farm placements occurred in July 2010. This represented an 18.1 percent decrease since June 2010 (5,278) and up 32.8 percent from July 2009 (3,255). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 41.7 percent; veteran, 12.1 percent; minority, 52.9 percent; UI claimants, 22.0 percent; applicants under 22, 13.6 percent; males over 21, 50.4 percent; and, disabled, 10.7 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity August 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month AUG 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ JUL 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.6%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.5%
David Gantt		9.7%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.8%
Hannah Holt		4,492,548	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,512,288
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,054,915	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,069,658
Juanita Pilgrim		437,633	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	442,630
Charles Roth		3,912,500	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,893,900
		AUG 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	JUL 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments - 2009	675,300
Benefit Payments		133,061	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Aug. 2010	145,255
August 2010		513,905	Weeks of UI paid in Aug. 2010	483,290
Mecklenburg	\$17,214,944	\$2.8 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2009	\$2.8 Billion
Wake	\$13,887,724	\$147.2 Million	Amount paid in UI – Aug. 2010 ³	\$138.8 Million
Guilford	\$7,686,395	\$124.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Aug. 2010 ⁴	\$97.9 Million
Forsyth	\$5,127,353	\$75.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Aug. 2010 ⁴	\$47.8 Million
Durham	\$3,624,973	\$50.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Aug. 2010 ⁴	\$27.0 Million
Cumberland	\$3,493,560	\$20.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Aug. 2010 ⁴	\$9.3 Million
Gaston	\$3,325,752	\$26.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Aug. 2010 ⁵	\$19.4 Million
Cabarrus	\$3,267,174	\$0.0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Aug. 2010 ⁵	\$2.2 Million
Union	\$2,923,782	\$296.02	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2009	\$296.02
Buncombe	\$2,814,364	\$286.34	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Aug. 2010	\$287.27
		\$43 / \$506	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$505
		18.3 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2010 – Mar. 2010)	18.3 Weeks
		16 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2010 – Mar. 2010)	16 th (Lowest)
		\$958.0 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Aug. 2010	\$934.9 Million
		\$2.3 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Aug. 2010	\$2.4 Billion
		-\$2.3 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Aug. 31, 2010	-\$2.4 Billion
		\$2.4 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Aug. 31, 2010	\$2.4 Billion
		\$60.3 Million	State Reserve Balance – Aug. 31, 2010	\$35.7 Million
Current Locations		AUG 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	JUL 10
87 local offices		24,841	New Job Applicants - Aug. 2010	27,492
103 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	258,098
63 ESC hosted		52,333	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Aug. 2010)	27,492
40 non-ESC hosted		386,250	Jobseekers available as of Aug. 31, 2010	373,711
		88,245	Jobseekers provided service – Aug. 2010 ⁶	132,464
		47,548	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Aug. 2010 ⁶	62,420
		360,141	Total Services provided – Aug. 2010	346,741
		18,292	Job Openings listed – Aug. 2010	19,344
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	163,636
		37,636	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Aug. 2010)	19,344
		2,388	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Aug. 2010	2,046
		5,107	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Aug. 2010)	2,046
		8,045	Jobseekers entering employment – Aug. 2010	11,412
		22,261	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Aug. 2010)	11,412

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 628,224 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in August 2010, up 8.1 percent from July (581,309) and down 31.2 percent from August a year ago (913,185).

August's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 3.8 percent rose above the July's 3.5 percent, and was below the 5.4 percent of August a year ago.

There were 61,549 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in August 2010, down 5.3 percent from the prior month's total of 64,963. Compared with August 2009 (82,299), Initial Claims' volume decreased 25.2 percent.

During the first quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 18.3 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average increased from 18.8 weeks to 20.1 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.9 weeks; Nebraska and South Dakota, 15.1 weeks; Georgia, 16.0 weeks; Iowa, 16.5 weeks; Virginia, 17.0 weeks; Idaho, 17.1 weeks; Utah, 17.2 weeks; Colorado, 17.4 weeks; Maine, 17.7 weeks, Alabama, Arkansas, New Hampshire and West Virginia, 17.9 weeks; and Wisconsin, 18.2 weeks.

During August 2010, 8 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 91 reporting an increase and 1 remaining unchanged. When comparing current rates to August 2009, 97 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 3 counties reporting an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in August 2010 were Dare, 1.38 percent; Orange, 1.81 percent; Hyde, 1.97 percent; Watauga, 2.03 percent; and Durham, 2.04 percent. Counties with the highest rates in August 2010 were Caswell, 11.29 percent; Stokes, 9.12 percent; Perquimans, 8.52 percent; Jones, 7.79 percent; and Franklin, 7.60 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,347,682,668 on August 31, 2010. Since January 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$741,616,885. During the month of August, ESC collected \$197,897,821 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,352,009,177, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$60,277,750 on August 31, 2010.

As of June 30, 2010, there were 197,624 covered employers in the state compared to 197,956 at the end of the prior quarter, and 202,000 at the end of June a year ago.

Claimants in August 2010 were paid \$147,151,571 in regular unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$297.48, a decrease of 0.1 percent from the prior month (\$297.67). This average decreased 4.6 percent from August 2009 (\$311.89). Claimants receiving first payments in August totaled 24,495, a 5.6 percent increase from July (23,189) and a 33.3 percent decrease from the August 2009 level (36,700). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 25,132, for a decrease of 3.5 percent from July's volume (26,055) and a decrease of 24.8 percent from the August 2009 volume (33,408).

New and renewed job applications taken in August by ESC local offices totaled 25,588, down 7.7 percent from July's volume (27,733) and up 0.1 percent from August 2009 (25,573).

Individuals placed in August by ESC local offices totaled 5,432 down 40.2 percent from July's volume (9,078) and down 21.7 percent from August 2009 (6,939).

A total of 3,921 non-farm placements occurred in August 2010. This represented a 9.3 percent decrease since July 2010 (4,324) and up 1.8 percent from August 2009 (3,851). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 41.2 percent; veteran, 12.8 percent; minority, 52.9 percent; UI claimants, 25.7 percent; applicants under 22, 9.9 percent; males over 21, 52.5 percent; and, disabled, 10.7 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity September 2010

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Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month SEP 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ AUG 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.6%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.6%
David Gantt		9.6%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.7%
Hannah Holt		4,478,503	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,491,689
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,048,220	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,054,885
Juanita Pilgrim		430,283	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	436,804
Charles Roth		3,921,600	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,911,500
		SEP 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	AUG 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2009 (All Programs)	675,300
Benefit Payments		114,564	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Sep. 2010	133,061
September 2010		395,962	Weeks of UI paid in Sep. 2010	513,905
Mecklenburg	\$13,279,620	\$2.8 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2009	\$2.8 Billion
Wake	\$10,481,135	\$113.1 Million	Amount paid in UI – Sep. 2010 ³	\$147.2 Million
Guilford	\$5,865,613	\$81.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Sep. 2010 ⁴	\$124.1 Million
Forsyth	\$3,986,812	\$56.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Sep. 2010 ⁴	\$75.5 Million
Cumberland	\$2,784,334	\$51.7 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Sep. 2010 ⁴	\$50.5 Million
Durham	\$2,664,231	\$23.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Sep. 2010 ⁴	\$20.9 Million
Cabarrus	\$2,559,182	\$27.8 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Sep. 2010 ⁵	\$26.0 Million
Gaston	\$2,526,734	\$0.0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Sep. 2010 ⁵	\$0.0
Union	\$2,255,434	\$296.02	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2009	\$296.02
New Hanover	\$2,252,097	\$285.66	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Sep. 2010	\$286.34
		\$43 / \$506	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$506
		18.4 Weeks	Average Duration (Apr. 2010 – Jun. 2010)	18.3 Weeks
		16 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Apr. 2010 – Jun. 2010)	16 th (Lowest)
		\$958.0 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Sep. 2010	\$958.0 Million
		\$2.2 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Sep. 2010	\$2.3 Billion
		-\$2.3 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Sep. 30, 2010	-\$2.3 Billion
		\$2.3 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Sep. 30, 2010	\$2.4 Billion
		\$62.9 Million	State Reserve Balance – Sep. 30, 2010	\$60.3 Million
Current Locations		SEP 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	AUG 10
90 local offices		22,526	New Job Applicants - Sep. 2010	24,841
99 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	258,098
62 ESC hosted		74,859	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Sep. 2010)	52,333
37 non-ESC hosted		379,631	Jobseekers available as of Sep. 30, 2010	386,250
		67,731	Jobseekers provided service – Sep. 2010 ⁶	88,245
		37,538	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Sep. 2010 ⁶	47,548
		349,174	Total Services provided – Sep. 2010	360,141
		14,232	Job Openings listed – Sep. 2010	18,292
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	163,636
		51,868	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Sep. 2010)	37,636
		2,426	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Sep. 2010	2,388
		8,920	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Sep. 2010)	5,107
		9,207	Jobseekers entering employment – Sep. 2010	8,045
		35,865	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Sep. 2010)	22,261

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ESC Monthly Activity October 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month OCT 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ SEP 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.6%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.6%
David Gantt		9.6%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.7%
Hannah Holt		4,468,491	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,480,643
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,041,400	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,046,670
Juanita Pilgrim		427,091	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	433,973
Charles Roth		3,901,700	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,901,700
		OCT 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	SEP 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2009 (All programs)	675,300
Benefit Payments		118,205	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Oct. 2010	114,564
October 2010		418,805	Weeks of UI paid in Oct. 2010	395,962
Mecklenburg	\$13,640,252	\$2.8 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2009	\$2.8 Billion
Wake	\$10,953,910	\$118.2 Million	Amount paid in UI – Oct. 2010 ³	\$113.1 Million
Guilford	\$6,062,732	\$85.7 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Oct. 2010 ⁴	\$81.4 Million
Forsyth	\$4,072,717	\$55.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Oct. 2010 ⁴	\$56.3 Million
Cumberland	\$2,950,109	\$55.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Oct. 2010 ⁴	\$51.7 Million
Durham	\$2,835,960	\$26.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Oct. 2010 ⁴	\$23.5 Million
Cabarrus	\$2,624,265	\$40.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Oct. 2010 ⁵	\$27.8 Million
Gaston	\$2,537,793	\$0.0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Oct. 2010 ⁵	\$0.0
New Hanover	\$2,407,945	\$296.02	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2009	\$296.02
Union	\$2,336,693	\$282.22	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Oct. 2010	\$285.66
		\$43 / \$506	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$506
		18.4 Weeks	Average Duration (Apr. 2010 – Jun. 2010)	18.4 Weeks
		16 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Apr. 2010 – Jun. 2010)	16 th (Lowest)
		\$958.8 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Oct. 2010	\$958.0 Million
		\$2.1 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Oct. 2010	\$2.2 Billion
		-\$2.4 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Oct. 31, 2010	-\$2.3 Billion
		\$2.4 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Oct. 31, 2010	\$2.3 Billion
		\$71.0 Million	State Reserve Balance – Oct. 31, 2010	\$62.9 Million
Current Locations		OCT 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	SEP 10
90 local offices		20,569	New Job Applicants - Oct. 2010	22,526
99 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	258,098
62 ESC hosted		95,428	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Oct. 2010)	74,859
37 non-ESC hosted		360,009	Jobseekers available as of Oct. 31, 2010	379,631
		56,271	Jobseekers provided service – Oct. 2010 ⁶	67,731
		32,893	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Oct. 2010 ⁶	37,538
		335,889	Total Services provided – Oct. 2010	349,174
		14,282	Job Openings listed – Oct. 2010	14,232
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	163,636
		66,150	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Oct. 2010)	51,868
		2,133	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Oct. 2010	2,426
		11,812	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Oct. 2010)	8,920
		7,568	Jobseekers entering employment – Oct. 2010	9,207
		46,674	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Oct. 2010)	35,865

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ESC Monthly Activity November 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month NOV 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ OCT 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.8%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.6%
David Gantt		9.7%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.6%
Hannah Holt		4,466,361	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,469,691
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,033,121	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,041,337
Juanita Pilgrim		433,240	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	428,354
Charles Roth		3,887,700	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,900,200
		NOV 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	OCT 10
Unemployment		675,300	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2009 (All programs)	675,300
Benefit Payments		122,766	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Nov. 2010	118,205
November 2010		436,673	Weeks of UI paid in Nov. 2010	418,805
Mecklenburg	\$12,862,518	\$2.8 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2009	\$2.8 Billion
Wake	\$10,583,905	\$121.7 Million	Amount paid in UI – Nov. 2010 ³	\$118.2 Million
Guilford	\$6,008,770	\$82.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Nov. 2010 ⁴	\$85.7 Million
Forsyth	\$4,086,896	\$50.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Nov. 2010 ⁴	\$55.9 Million
Cumberland	\$2,915,521	\$48.7 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Nov. 2010 ⁴	\$55.6 Million
Durham	\$2,733,413	\$25.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Nov. 2010 ⁴	\$26.4 Million
New Hanover	\$2,653,998	\$45.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Nov. 2010 ⁵	\$40.6 Million
Gaston	\$2,643,192	\$500.0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Nov. 2010 ⁵	\$0.0
Cabarrus	\$2,537,198	\$296.02	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2009	\$296.02
Catawba	\$2,496,131	\$278.63	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Nov. 2010	\$282.22
		\$43 / \$506	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$506
		18.2 Weeks	Average Duration (Jul. 2010 – Sep. 2010)	18.4 Weeks
		23 rd (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jul. 2010 – Sep. 2010)	16 th (Lowest)
		\$972.2 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Nov. 2010	\$958.8 Million
		\$2.1 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Nov. 2010	\$2.2 Billion
		-\$2.4 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Nov. 30, 2010	-\$2.4 Billion
		\$2.4 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Nov. 30, 2010	\$2.4 Billion
		\$83.0 Million	State Reserve Balance – Nov. 30, 2010	\$71.0 Million
Current Locations		NOV 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	OCT 10
90 local offices		18,764	New Job Applicants - Nov. 2010	20,569
99 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	258,098
62 ESC hosted		114,192	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Nov. 2010)	95,428
37 non-ESC hosted		352,155	Jobseekers available as of Nov. 30, 2010	360,009
		48,414	Jobseekers provided service – Nov. 2010 ⁶	56,271
		26,092	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Nov. 2010 ⁶	32,893
		320,637	Total Services provided – Nov. 2010	335,889
		13,328	Job Openings listed – Nov. 2010	14,282
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	163,636
		79,478	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Nov. 2010)	66,150
		1,985	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Nov. 2010	2,133
		14,622	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Nov. 2010)	11,812
		6,232	Jobseekers entering employment – Nov. 2010	7,568
		56,368	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Nov. 2010)	46,674

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 541,971 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in November 2010, up 5.7 percent from October (512,917) and down 36.4 percent from November a year ago (852,682).

November's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 3.3 percent remained unchanged from the October's 3.3 percent, and was below the 5.1 percent of November a year ago.

There were 71,877 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in November 2010, up 10.2 percent from the prior month's total of 65,225. Compared with November 2009 (88,938), Initial Claims' volume decreased 19.2 percent.

During the third quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 18.2 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average decreased from 20.0 weeks to 19.4 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.8 weeks; South Dakota, 14.7 weeks; Georgia and Nebraska, 15.2 weeks; Iowa, 15.7 weeks; Idaho, 15.8 weeks; Virginia, 16.0 weeks; New Hampshire, 16.1 weeks; Utah, 16.6 weeks; Alabama and Indiana, 16.9 weeks; Maine, 17.0 weeks; Arkansas and Tennessee, 17.2 weeks; Colorado and South Carolina, 17.7 weeks; Mississippi and West Virginia, 17.9 weeks; Rhode Island and Wyoming, 18.0 weeks; and, Vermont and Wisconsin, 18.1 weeks.

During November 2010, 27 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 71 reporting an increase and 2 remaining unchanged. When comparing current rates to November 2009, 97 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 3 counties reporting an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in November 2010 were Orange, 1.34 percent; Durham, 1.57 percent; Wake, 2.14 percent; Watauga, 2.27 percent; and Buncombe, 2.33 percent. Counties with the highest rates in November 2010 were Graham, 12.90 percent; Caswell, 8.93 percent; Stokes, 8.68 percent; Jones, 8.27 percent; and Washington, 8.15 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,376,329,767 on November 30, 2010. Since January 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$770,263,984. During the month of November, ESC collected \$124,926,316 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,380,656,276, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$83,000,379 on November 30, 2010.

As of September 30, 2010, there were 196,549 covered employers in the state compared to 197,624 at the end of the prior quarter, and 199,855 at the end of September a year ago.

Claimants in November 2010 were paid \$121,670,679 in regular unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$290.91, a decrease of 1.2 percent from the prior month (\$294.56). This average decreased 5.2 percent from November 2009 (\$306.89). Claimants receiving first payments in November totaled 27,272, a 14.4 percent increase from October (23,830) and a 36.5 percent decrease from the November 2009 level (42,942). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 15,058, for an increase of 0.1 percent from October's volume (15,037) and a decrease of 48.2 percent from the November 2009 volume (29,043).

New and renewed job applications taken in November by ESC local offices totaled 19,662, down 8.4 percent from October's volume (21,469) and down 5.2 percent from November 2009 (20,749).

Individuals placed in November by ESC local offices totaled 3,534 down 22.2 percent from October's volume (4,544) and up 27.6 percent from November 2009 (2,769).

A total of 3,330 non-farm placements occurred in November 2010. This represented a 9.4 percent decrease since October 2010 (3,677) and up 15.0 percent from November 2009 (2,896). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 41.1 percent; veteran, 17.8 percent; minority, 56.5 percent; UI claimants, 33.9 percent; applicants under 22, 9.0 percent; males over 21, 53.2 percent; and, disabled, 14.2 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity December 2010

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month DEC 10	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ NOV 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.4%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.8%
David Gantt		9.8%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.7%
Hannah Holt		4,470,657	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,468,393
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,031,490	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,033,611
Juanita Pilgrim		439,167	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	434,782
Charles Roth		3,896,700	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,894,400
		DEC 10	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	NOV 10
Unemployment		682,073	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2010 (All programs)	675,300
Benefit Payments		133,561	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Dec. 2010	122,766
December 2010		438,973	Weeks of UI paid in Dec. 2010	436,673
Mecklenburg	\$12,081,216	\$2.0 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2010	\$2.8 Billion
Wake	\$9,923,338	\$121.6 Million	Amount paid in UI – Dec. 2010 ³	\$121.7 Million
Guilford	\$5,800,747	\$70.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Dec. 2010 ⁴	\$82.5 Million
Forsyth	\$4,167,851	\$43.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Dec. 2010 ⁴	\$50.1 Million
Cumberland	\$2,689,054	\$40.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Dec. 2010 ⁴	\$48.7 Million
New Hanover	\$2,619,513	\$20.8 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Dec. 2010 ⁴	\$25.6 Million
Durham	\$2,613,157	\$49.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Dec. 2010 ⁵	\$45.1 Million
Gaston	\$2,481,821	\$1.3 Million	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Dec. 2010 ⁵	\$500.00
Cabarrus	\$2,470,901	\$287.57	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2010	\$296.02
Catawba	\$2,404,096	\$277.04	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Dec. 2010	\$278.63
		\$43 / \$506	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$506
		18.2 Weeks	Average Duration (Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010)	18.2 Weeks
		23rd (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010)	23rd (Lowest)
		\$955.2 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Dec. 2010	\$972.2 Million
		\$1.9 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Dec. 2010	\$2.1 Billion
		-\$2.5 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Dec. 31, 2010	-\$2.4 Billion
		\$2.5 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Dec. 31, 2010	\$2.4 Billion
		\$89.2 Million	State Reserve Balance – Dec. 31, 2010	\$83.0 Million
Current Locations		DEC 10	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	NOV 10
90 local offices		17,505	New Job Applicants - Dec. 2010	18,764
99 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	258,098
62 ESC hosted		131,697	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Dec. 2010)	114,192
37 non-ESC hosted		345,166	Jobseekers available as of Dec. 31, 2010	352,155
		42,890	Jobseekers provided service – Dec. 2010 ⁶	48,414
		21,918	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Dec. 2010 ⁶	26,092
		301,667	Total Services provided – Dec. 2010	320,637
		10,222	Job Openings listed – Dec. 2010	13,328
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	163,636
		89,700	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Dec. 2010)	79,478
		1,951	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Dec. 2010	1,985
		17,053	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Dec. 2010)	14,622
		6,049	Jobseekers entering employment – Dec. 2010	6,232
		65,811	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Dec. 2010)	56,368

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Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 542,544 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in December 2010, up 0.1 percent from November (541,971) and down 37.1 percent from December a year ago (862,882).

December's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 3.2 percent decreased from the November's 3.3 percent, and was below the 4.7 percent of December a year ago.

There were 83,358 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in December 2010, up 16.0 percent from the prior month's total of 71,877. Compared with December 2009 (107,302), Initial Claims' volume decreased 22.3 percent.

During the third quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 18.2 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average decreased from 20.0 weeks to 19.4 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.8 weeks; South Dakota, 14.7 weeks; Georgia and Nebraska, 15.2 weeks; Iowa, 15.7 weeks; Idaho, 15.8 weeks; Virginia, 16.0 weeks; New Hampshire, 16.1 weeks; Utah, 16.6 weeks; Alabama and Indiana, 16.9 weeks; Maine, 17.0 weeks; Arkansas and Tennessee, 17.2 weeks; Colorado and South Carolina, 17.7 weeks; Mississippi and West Virginia, 17.9 weeks; Rhode Island and Wyoming, 18.0 weeks; and, Vermont and Wisconsin, 18.1 weeks.

During December 2010, 67 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 32 reporting an increase and 1 remaining unchanged. When comparing current rates to December 2009, 98 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 2 counties reporting an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in December 2010 were Orange, 1.25 percent; Durham, 1.41 percent; Wake, 1.95 percent; Mecklenburg, 2.18 percent; and Buncombe, 2.30 percent. Counties with the highest rates in December 2010 were Graham, 12.83 percent; Caswell, 8.66 percent; Tyrrell, 8.56 percent; Yancey, 8.52 percent; and Perquimans, 8.49 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,504,280,159 on December 31, 2010. Since January 1, 2010 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$898,214,376. During the month of December, ESC collected \$7,481,885 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,508,606,668, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$89,221,519 on December 31, 2010.

As of December 31, 2010, there were 196,483 covered employers in the state compared to 196,549 at the end of the prior quarter, and 198,849 at the end of December a year ago.

Claimants in December 2010 were paid \$121,612,191 in regular unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$290.58, a decrease of 0.1 percent from the prior month (\$290.91). This average decreased 3.6 percent from December 2009 (\$301.50). Claimants receiving first payments in December totaled 31,238, a 14.5 percent increase from November (27,272) and a 37.3 percent decrease from the December 2009 level (49,858). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 13,666, for a decrease of 9.2 percent from November's volume (15,058) and a decrease of 47.1 percent from the December 2009 volume (25,812).

New and renewed job applications taken in November by ESC local offices totaled 18,489, down 6.0 percent from November's volume (19,662) and down 8.6 percent from December 2009 (20,219).

Individuals placed in December by ESC local offices totaled 3,581 up 1.3 percent from November's volume (3,534) and up 18.4 percent from December 2009 (3,025).

A total of 3,756 non-farm placements occurred in December 2010. This represented a 12.8 percent increase since November 2010 (3,330) and up 20.1 percent from December 2009 (3,127). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 37.9 percent; veteran, 13.6 percent; minority, 57.8 percent; UI claimants, 31.5 percent; applicants under 22, 9.2 percent; males over 21, 56.3 percent; and, disabled, 11.4 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity January 2011

Revised: Friday
March 25, 2011

Lynn R. Holmes
Chairman

		Current Month JAN 11	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ DEC 10
Valerie Dorsett		9.0%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.4%
David Gantt		9.9%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.8%
Hannah Holt		4,465,057	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,461,716
Edward W. Kelly, III		4,024,435	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,024,468
Juanita Pilgrim		440,622	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	437,248
Charles Roth		3,861,400	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,856,900
		JAN 11	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	DEC 10
Unemployment		682,073	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2010 (All programs)	682,073
Benefit Payments		154,687	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Jan. 2011	133,561
January 2011		547,147	Weeks of UI paid in Jan. 2011	438,973
Mecklenburg	\$14,512,053	\$2.0 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2010	\$2.0 Billion
Wake	\$11,915,629	\$152.4 Million	Amount paid in UI – Jan. 2011 ³	\$121.6 Million
Guilford	\$7,128,146	\$80.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Jan. 2011 ⁴	\$70.3 Million
Forsyth	\$5,235,314	\$52.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Jan. 2011 ⁴	\$43.9 Million
New Hanover	\$3,185,684	\$46.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Jan. 2011 ⁴	\$40.6 Million
Cumberland	\$3,162,125	\$22.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Jan. 2011 ⁴	\$20.8 Million
Durham	\$3,155,615	\$63.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Jan. 2011 ⁵	\$49.1 Million
Buncombe	\$3,110,170	\$0.0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Jan. 2011 ⁵	\$1.3 Million
Gaston	\$3,031,027	\$287.57	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2010	\$287.57
Cabarrus	\$3,007,949	\$278.56	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Jan. 2011	\$277.04
		\$43 / \$506	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$506
		18.2 Weeks	Average Duration (Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010)	18.2 Weeks
		23 rd (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010)	23 rd (Lowest)
		\$974.7 Million	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Jan. 2011	\$955.2 Million
		\$1.9 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Jan. 2011	\$2.0 Billion
		-\$2.6 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Jan. 31, 2011	-\$2.5 Billion
		\$2.6 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Jan. 31, 2011	\$2.5 Billion
		\$94.1 Million	State Reserve Balance – Jan. 31, 2011	\$89.2 Million
Current Locations		JAN 11	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	DEC 10
90 local offices		18,287	New Job Applicants - Jan. 2011	17,505
99 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	258,098
62 ESC hosted		149,984	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Jan. 2011)	131,697
37 non-ESC hosted		335,323	Jobseekers available as of Jan. 31, 2011	345,166
		32,318	Jobseekers provided service – Jan. 2011 ⁶	42,890
		17,294	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Jan. 2011 ⁶	21,918
		232,757	Total Services provided – Jan. 2011	301,667
		9,139*	Job Openings listed – Jan. 2011	10,222
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	163,636
		98,839*	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Jan. 2011)	89,700
		1,239	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Jan. 2011	1,951
		16,999	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Jan. 2011)	17,053
		4,129	Jobseekers entering employment – Jan. 2011	6,049
		71,813	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Jan. 2011)	65,811

* Data revised.

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³ Includes benefits paid according to the federal ETA 5159 Claims and Payment Activities Report.

⁴ Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 53 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for Jobseekers provided service and Jobseekers referred to jobs represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2009).

Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 676,321 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in January 2011, up 24.7 percent from December (542,544) and down 27.4 percent from January a year ago (930,945).

January's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 4.3 percent rose above the December's 3.2 percent, and was below the 5.7 percent of January a year ago.

There were 104,707 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in January 2011, up 25.6 percent from the prior month's total of 83,358. Compared with January 2010 (110,710), Initial Claims' volume decreased 5.4 percent.

During the third quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 18.2 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average decreased from 20.0 weeks to 19.4 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.8 weeks; South Dakota, 14.7 weeks; Georgia and Nebraska, 15.2 weeks; Iowa, 15.7 weeks; Idaho, 15.8 weeks; Virginia, 16.0 weeks; New Hampshire, 16.1 weeks; Utah, 16.6 weeks; Alabama and Indiana, 16.9 weeks; Maine, 17.0 weeks; Arkansas and Tennessee, 17.2 weeks; Colorado and South Carolina, 17.7 weeks; Mississippi and West Virginia, 17.9 weeks; Rhode Island and Wyoming, 18.0 weeks; and, Vermont and Wisconsin, 18.1 weeks.

During January 2011, all 100 counties reported an increase in the IUR. When comparing current rates to January 2010, 90 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 10 counties reporting an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in January 2011 were Orange, 1.65 percent; Durham, 1.91 percent; Wake, 2.52 percent; Mecklenburg, 2.85 percent; and Guilford, 3.15 percent. Counties with the highest rates in January 2011 were Graham, 16.42 percent; Tyrrell, 13.29 percent; Yancey, 13.13 percent; Caswell, 12.78 percent; and Perquimans, 12.67 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,588,437,459 on January 31, 2011. Since January 1, 2011 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$84,157,300. During the month of January, ESC collected \$61,671,222 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,592,763,968, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$94,147,563 on January 31, 2011.

As of December 31, 2010, there were 196,483 covered employers in the state compared to 196,549 at the end of the prior quarter, and 198,849 at the end of December a year ago.

Claimants in January 2011 were paid \$152,411,119 in regular unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$290.90, an increase of 0.1 percent from the prior month (\$290.58). This average decreased 3.4 percent from January 2010 (\$301.14). Claimants receiving first payments in January totaled 44,366, a 42.0 percent increase from December (31,238) and a 26.2 percent decrease from the January 2010 level (60,110). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 16,598, for an increase of 21.5 percent from December's volume (13,666) and a decrease of 43.2 percent from the January 2010 volume (29,213).

New and renewed job applications taken in December by ESC local offices totaled 19,550, up 5.7 percent from December's volume (18,489) and down 19.9 percent from January 2010 (24,412).

Individuals placed in January by ESC local offices totaled 1,864 down 47.9 percent from December's volume (3,581) and down 8.9 percent from January 2010 (2,045).

A total of 1,994 non-farm placements occurred in January 2011. This represented a 46.9 percent decrease since December 2010 (3,756) and down 8.4 percent from January 2010 (2,176). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 42.2 percent; veteran, 15.4 percent; minority, 54.8 percent; UI claimants, 30.8 percent; applicants under 22, 11.1 percent; males over 21, 51.0 percent; and, disabled, 13.2 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity February 2011

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		Current Month FEB 11	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ JAN 11
		8.9%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	9.0%
		9.7%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.8%
		4,465,322	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,464,112
		4,030,025	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,024,540
		435,297	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	439,572
		3,879,300	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,861,900
		FEB 11	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	JAN 11
Unemployment		682,073	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2010 (All programs)	682,073
Benefit Payments		133,653	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Feb. 2011	154,687
February 2011		453,170	Weeks of UI paid in Feb. 2011	547,147
Mecklenburg	\$12,354,614	\$2.0 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2010	\$2.0 Billion
Wake	\$9,985,345	\$126.0 Million	Amount paid in UI – Feb. 2011 ³	\$152.4 Million
Guilford	\$5,849,723	\$64.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Feb. 2011 ⁴	\$80.0 Million
Forsyth	\$4,399,990	\$42.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Feb. 2011 ⁴	\$52.4 Million
Durham	\$2,770,778	\$35.7 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Feb. 2011 ⁴	\$46.4 Million
Buncombe	\$2,734,186	\$18.2 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Feb. 2011 ⁴	\$22.0 Million
New Hanover	\$2,598,515	\$51.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Feb. 2011 ⁵	\$63.4 Million
Cumberland	\$2,561,077	\$0.0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Feb. 2011 ⁵	\$0.0
Gaston	\$2,559,408	\$287.57	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2010	\$287.57
Catawba	\$2,434,253	\$278.07	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Feb. 2011	\$278.56
		\$43 / \$506	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$506
		18.2 Weeks	Average Duration (Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010)	18.2 Weeks
		23 rd (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010)	23 rd (Lowest)
		\$1.0 Billion	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Feb. 2011	\$974.7 Million
		\$1.8 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Feb. 2011	\$1.9 Billion
		-\$2.6 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Feb. 28, 2011	-\$2.6 Billion
		\$2.6 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Feb. 28, 2011	\$2.6 Billion
		\$106.3 Million	State Reserve Balance – Feb. 28, 2011	\$94.1 Million
Current Locations		FEB 11	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	JAN 11
90 local offices		15,802	New Job Applicants - Feb. 2011	18,287
99 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	258,098
62 ESC hosted		165,786	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Feb. 2011)	149,984
37 non-ESC hosted		307,894	Jobseekers available as of Feb. 28, 2011	335,323
		28,785	Jobseekers provided service – Feb. 2011 ⁶	32,318
		16,761	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Feb. 2011 ⁶	17,294
		242,560	Total Services provided – Feb. 2011	232,757
		15,543	Job Openings listed – Feb. 2011	9,139*
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	163,636
		114,382	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Feb. 2011)	98,839
		1,366	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Feb. 2011	1,239
		17,261	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Feb. 2011)	16,999
		5,591	Jobseekers entering employment – Feb. 2011	4,129
		77,506	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Feb. 2011)	71,813

* Data revised.

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³ Includes benefits paid according to the federal ETA 5159 Claims and Payment Activities Report.

⁴ Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 53 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2010).

Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 530,041 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in February 2011, down 21.6 percent from January (676,321) and down 36.3 percent from February a year ago (832,679).

February's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 3.6 percent dropped below the January's 4.3 percent, and was below the 5.4 percent of February a year ago.

There were 55,120 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in February 2011, down 47.4 percent from the prior month's total of 104,707. Compared with February 2010 (76,208), Initial Claims' volume decreased 27.7 percent.

During the third quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 18.2 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average decreased from 20.0 weeks to 19.4 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.8 weeks; South Dakota, 14.7 weeks; Georgia and Nebraska, 15.2 weeks; Iowa, 15.7 weeks; Idaho, 15.8 weeks; Virginia, 16.0 weeks; New Hampshire, 16.1 weeks; Utah, 16.6 weeks; Alabama and Indiana, 16.9 weeks; Maine, 17.0 weeks; Arkansas and Tennessee, 17.2 weeks; Colorado and South Carolina, 17.7 weeks; Mississippi and West Virginia, 17.9 weeks; Rhode Island and Wyoming, 18.0 weeks; and, Vermont and Wisconsin, 18.1 weeks.

During February 2011, all 100 counties reported a decrease in the IUR. When comparing current rates to February 2010, 99 counties reported a decrease in the IUR with 1 county reporting an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in February 2011 were Orange, 1.39 percent; Durham, 1.69 percent; Wake, 2.14 percent; Mecklenburg, 2.44 percent; and Guilford, 2.55 percent. Counties with the highest rates in February 2011 were Graham, 11.95 percent; Dare, 11.02 percent; Tyrrell, 10.50 percent; Perquimans, 10.02 percent; and Caswell, 9.46 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,601,272,954 on February 28, 2011. Since February 1, 2011 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$96,992,795. During the month of February, ESC collected \$121,794,315 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,605,599,463, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$106,309,355 on February 28, 2011.

As of December 31, 2010, there were 196,483 covered employers in the state compared to 196,549 at the end of the prior quarter, and 198,849 at the end of December a year ago.

Claimants in February 2011 were paid \$126,011,912 in regular unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$289.94, a decrease of 0.3 percent from the prior month (\$290.90). This average decreased 3.8 percent from February 2010 (\$301.27). Claimants receiving first payments in February totaled 26,818, a 39.6 percent decrease from January (44,366) and a 35.9 percent decrease from the February 2010 level (41,813). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 14,140, for a decrease of 14.8 percent from January's volume (16,598) and a decrease of 48.3 percent from the February 2010 volume (27,353).

New and renewed job applications taken in January by ESC local offices totaled 17,127, down 12.4 percent from January's volume (19,550) and down 16.2 percent from February 2010 (20,427).

Individuals placed in February by ESC local offices totaled 2,090 up 12.1 percent from January's volume (1,864) and down 25.6 percent from February 2010 (2,809).

A total of 2,366 non-farm placements occurred in February 2011. This represented an 18.7 percent increase since January 2011 (1,994) and down 20.5 percent from February 2010 (2,976). A breakout showing the characteristics of applicants placed includes: women, 35.5 percent; veteran, 13.8 percent; minority, 52.5 percent; UI claimants, 29.5 percent; applicants under 22, 13.0 percent; males over 21, 55.7 percent; and, disabled, 11.3 percent.

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ESC Monthly Activity March 2011

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		Current Month MAR 11	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ FEB 11
		8.8%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	8.9%
		9.7%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.8%
		4,478,433	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,466,980
		4,043,437	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,030,035
		434,996	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	436,945
		3,894,700	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,880,800
		MAR 11	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	FEB 11
Unemployment		682,073	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2010 (All programs)	682,073
Benefit Payments		130,061	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Mar. 2011	133,653
March 2011		452,221	Weeks of UI paid in Mar. 2011	453,170
Mecklenburg	\$12,738,933	\$2.0 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2010	\$2.0 Billion
Wake	\$10,149,496	\$125.3 Million	Amount paid in UI – Mar. 2011 ³	\$126.0 Million
Guilford	\$5,973,171	\$66.3 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Mar. 2011 ⁴	\$64.5 Million
Forsyth	\$4,332,776	\$41.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Mar. 2011 ⁴	\$42.5 Million
Durham	\$2,867,074	\$36.5 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Mar. 2011 ⁴	\$35.7 Million
Buncombe	\$2,694,401	\$17.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Mar. 2011 ⁴	\$18.2 Million
Gaston	\$2,626,191	\$49.7 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Mar. 2011 ⁵	\$51.1 Million
Cumberland	\$2,576,468	\$0.0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Mar. 2011 ⁵	\$0.0
New Hanover	\$2,556,357	\$287.57	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2010	\$287.57
Catawba	\$2,380,403	\$276.97	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Mar. 2011	\$278.07
		\$43 / \$506	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$506
		18.2 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2010 – Dec. 2010)	18.2 Weeks
		26 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2010 – Dec. 2010)	23 rd (Lowest)
		\$1.0 Billion	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Mar. 2011	\$1.0 Billion
		\$1.7 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Mar. 2011	\$1.8 Billion
		-\$2.7 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Mar. 31, 2011	-\$2.6 Billion
		\$2.7 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Mar. 31, 2011	\$2.6 Billion
		\$106.9 Million	State Reserve Balance – Mar. 31, 2011	\$106.3 Million
Current Locations		MAR 11	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	FEB 11
90 local offices		N/A	New Job Applicants - Mar. 2011	N/A
99 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	258,098
62 ESC hosted		N/A	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Mar. 2011)	N/A
37 non-ESC hosted		277,995	Jobseekers available as of Mar. 31, 2011	307,894
		N/A	Jobseekers provided service – Mar. 2011 ⁶	N/A
		N/A	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Mar. 2011 ⁶	N/A
		N/A	Total Services provided – Mar. 2011	N/A
		N/A	Job Openings listed – Mar. 2011	N/A
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	163,636
		N/A	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Mar. 2011)	N/A
		1,630	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Mar. 2011	1,366
		18,025	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Mar. 2011)	17,261
		7,588	Jobseekers entering employment – Mar. 2011	5,591
		84,805	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Mar. 2011)	77,506

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N/A Data Not Available

Highlights



The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 528,347 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in March 2011, down 0.3 percent from February (530,041) and down 41.8 percent from March a year ago (907,239).

March's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 3.1 percent dropped below the February's 3.6 percent, and was below the 5.1 percent of March a year ago.

There were 60,291 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in March 2011, up 9.4 percent from the prior month's total of 55,120. Compared with March 2010 (80,191), Initial Claims' volume decreased 24.8 percent.

During the fourth quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits remained at 18.2 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average decreased from 19.4 weeks to 18.9 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.7 weeks; South Dakota, 14.4 weeks; Georgia, 14.7 weeks; Nebraska, 14.9 weeks; Iowa and Virginia, 15.3 weeks; Idaho, 15.7 weeks; Indiana, 16.1 weeks; New Hampshire, 16.2 weeks; Utah, 16.4 weeks; Alabama and Tennessee, 16.6 weeks; Maine, 16.7 weeks; Arkansas, 16.8 weeks; South Carolina, 17.0 weeks; Rhode Island, 17.2 weeks; West Virginia and Wyoming, 17.3 weeks; Colorado, 17.6 weeks; Wisconsin, 17.8 weeks; Kansas, Mississippi and Virgin Islands, 17.9 weeks; and, Texas and Vermont, 18.1 weeks.

During March 2011, 98 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 2 reported an increase. When comparing current rates to March 2010, all 100 counties reported a decrease in the IUR. Counties with the lowest rates in March 2011 were Orange, 1.25 percent; Durham, 1.53 percent; Wake, 1.89 percent; Mecklenburg, 2.17 percent; and Guilford, 2.24 percent. Counties with the highest rates in March 2011 were Graham, 10.03 percent; Perquimans, 9.43 percent; Tyrrell, 8.43 percent; Caswell, 8.36 percent; and Dare, 7.68 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,729,073,869 on March 31, 2011. Since January 1, 2011 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$224,793,710. During the month of March, ESC collected \$7,871,617 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,733,400,378, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$106,871,240 on March 31, 2011.

As of March 31, 2011, there were 195,547 covered employers in the state compared to 196,483 at the end of the prior quarter, and 197,956 at the end of March a year ago.

Claimants in March 2011 were paid \$125,252,349 in regular unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$289.06, a decrease of 0.3 percent from the prior month (\$289.94). This average decreased 3.7 percent from March 2010 (\$300.19). Claimants receiving first payments in March totaled 24,504, an 8.6 percent decrease from February (26,818) and a 38.0 percent decrease from the March 2010 level (39,524). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 14,682, for an increase of 3.8 percent from February's volume (14,140) and a decrease of 47.9 percent from the March 2010 volume (28,207).

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ESC Monthly Activity

April 2011

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		Current Month APR 11	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION ACTIVITY	Prior Month ¹ MAR 11
		9.0%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	8.8%
		9.7%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.7%
		4,487,916	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,478,418
		4,053,947	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,043,231
		433,969	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	435,187
		3,892,900	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,890,000
		APR 11	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	MAR 11
Unemployment		682,073	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2010 (All programs)	682,073
Benefit Payments		120,893	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Apr. 2011	130,061
April 2011		392,460	Weeks of UI paid in Apr. 2011	452,221
Mecklenburg	\$11,762,627	\$2.0 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2010	\$2.0 Billion
Wake	\$9,395,258	\$109.8 Million	Amount paid in UI – Apr. 2011 ³	\$125.3 Million
Guilford	\$5,429,794	\$61.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Apr. 2011 ⁴	\$66.3 Million
Forsyth	\$3,866,621	\$35.7 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Apr. 2011 ⁴	\$41.6 Million
Durham	\$2,614,702	\$33.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Apr. 2011 ⁴	\$36.5 Million
Cumberland	\$2,433,079	\$15.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Apr. 2011 ⁴	\$17.1 Million
Gaston	\$2,307,204	\$32.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Apr. 2011 ⁵	\$49.7 Million
Buncombe	\$2,224,789	\$0.0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Apr. 2011 ⁵	\$0.0
New Hanover	\$2,204,345	\$287.57	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2010	\$287.57
Union	\$2,053,887	\$279.90	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Apr. 2011	\$276.97
		\$43 / \$506	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week)	\$43 / \$506
		18.2 Weeks	Average Duration (Jan. 2010 – Dec. 2010)	18.2 Weeks
		26 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Jan. 2010 – Dec. 2010)	26 th (Lowest)
		\$1.0 Billion	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Apr. 2011	\$1.0 Billion
		\$1.6 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Apr. 2011	\$1.7 Billion
		-\$2.8 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Apr. 30, 2011	-\$2.7 Billion
		\$2.8 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Apr. 30, 2011	\$2.7 Billion
		\$120.4 Million	State Reserve Balance – Apr. 30, 2011	\$106.9 Million
Current Locations		APR 11	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	MAR 11
90 local offices		N/A	New Job Applicants - Apr. 2011	N/A
99 Job Link Career Centers		258,098	Total New Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	258,098
62 ESC hosted		N/A	Total New Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Apr. 2011)	N/A
37 non-ESC hosted		493,039	Jobseekers available as of Apr. 30, 2011	277,995
		N/A	Jobseekers provided service – Apr. 2011 ⁶	N/A
		N/A	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Apr. 2011 ⁶	N/A
		N/A	Total Services provided – Apr. 2011	N/A
		N/A	Job Openings listed – Apr. 2011	N/A
		163,636	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2009 – Jun. 2010)	163,636
		N/A	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Apr. 2011)	N/A
		1,267	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment – Apr. 2011	1,630
		18,683	UI Eligible Claimants entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Apr. 2011)	18,025
		6,050	Jobseekers entering employment – Apr. 2011	7,588
		91,607	Jobseekers entering employment - Y-T-D (Jul. 2010 – Apr. 2011)	84,805

¹ Data in this column represent prior month, prior quarter or prior year data; i.e., prior year equals 2010 data.

² Regular UI Benefits unless otherwise noted.

³ Includes benefits paid according to the federal ETA 5159 Claims and Payment Activities Report.

⁴ Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 53 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2010).

N/A Data Not Available

Highlights

The Employment Security Commission (ESC) processed a total of 462,597 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in April 2011, down 12.4 percent from March (528,347) and down 37.2 percent from April a year ago (737,049).

April's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) at 3.0 percent dropped slightly below the March's 3.1 percent, and was below the 4.4 percent of April a year ago.

There were 55,095 State UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in April 2011, down 8.6 percent from the prior month's total of 60,291. Compared with April 2010 (59,971), Initial Claims' volume decreased 8.1 percent.

During the fourth quarter of 2010, the average duration rate of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits was 18.2 weeks for North Carolina, while the national average decreased from 19.4 weeks to 18.9 weeks. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 13.7 weeks; South Dakota, 14.4 weeks; Georgia, 14.7 weeks; Nebraska, 14.9 weeks; Iowa and Virginia, 15.3 weeks; Idaho, 15.7 weeks; Indiana, 16.1 weeks; New Hampshire, 16.2 weeks; Utah, 16.4 weeks; Alabama and Tennessee, 16.6 weeks; Maine, 16.7 weeks; Arkansas, 16.8 weeks; South Carolina, 17.0 weeks; Rhode Island, 17.2 weeks; West Virginia and Wyoming, 17.3 weeks; Colorado, 17.6 weeks; Wisconsin, 17.8 weeks; Kansas, Mississippi and Virgin Islands, 17.9 weeks; and, Texas and Vermont, 18.1 weeks.

During April 2011, 77 counties reported a decrease in the IUR while 21 reported an increase and 2 remained unchanged. When comparing current rates to April 2010, 99 counties reported a decrease in the IUR and 1 reported an increase. Counties with the lowest rates in April 2011 were Orange, 1.18 percent; Durham, 1.53 percent; Wake, 1.94 percent; Buncombe and Watauga, 2.16 and Mecklenburg, 2.18 percent. Counties with the highest rates in April 2011 were Caswell, 8.49 percent; Perquimans, 8.45 percent; Graham, 7.97 percent; Warren, 7.08 percent; and Stokes, 7.05 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,771,483,122 on April 30, 2011. Since January 1, 2011 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has decreased an additional \$267,202,963. During the month of April, ESC collected \$79,746,508 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,775,809,631, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$120,369,851 on April 30, 2011.

As of quarter ending March 31, 2011, there were 195,547 covered employers in the state compared to 196,483 at the end of the prior quarter, and 197,956 at the end of March a year ago.

Claimants in April 2011 were paid \$109,848,815 in regular unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$291.48, an increase of 0.8 percent from the prior month (\$289.06). This average decreased 3.5 percent from April 2010 (\$301.99). Claimants receiving first payments in April totaled 20,841, a 14.9 percent decrease from March (24,504) and a 33.1 percent decrease from the April 2010 level (31,153). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 14,574, for a decrease of 0.7 percent from March's volume (14,682) and a decrease of 51.1 percent from the April 2010 volume (29,815).

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